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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE
7 TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BEGIN OUR MEETING TODAY. WE WILL BE
8 LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY THE REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR,
9 ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, OLIVE VIEW-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN
10 SYLMAR AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY STEPHANIE
11 STONE, OUR OWN CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
12 AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, RETIRED, UNITED STATES NAVY. REVEREND?
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14 **REV. CATHERINE WAGAR:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
16 HERE THIS MORNING AND TO SHARE WITH YOU AN INVOCATION AS YOU
17 BEGIN YOUR WORK TODAY. LET US PRAY. HOLY GOD, WE OFFER THANKS
18 FOR THIS DAY DURING WHICH THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THESE
19 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF MEMBERS, WILL HEAR AND
20 DELIBERATE ON A BROAD AND VERY DIVERSE AGENDA. WE ASK THAT
21 THEY FEEL YOUR WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND THAT A SPIRIT OF
22 GENEROSITY AND JUSTICE TOUCHES THEM AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE WITH
23 WHOM THEY CONDUCT BUSINESS TODAY. GIVE GRACE TO THIS ENTIRE
24 ASSEMBLY, OH GOD, SO THAT WHATEVER WORK IS UNDERTAKEN HERE IS
25 FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND THAT NO ONE SEEKS TO FULFILL SELF-

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1 SERVING INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. WE GIVE THANKS FOR
2 THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE SUPERVISORS WORKING ON
3 BEHALF OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. WE ALSO GIVE THANKS FOR
4 THE MANY TALENTS AND GIFTS POSSESSED BY THOSE WHO LIVE AND
5 WORK HERE. TODAY WE PRAY FOR AN END TO THE DIFFICULTIES AND
6 CHALLENGES FACED BY MANY PEOPLE, A LACK OF SUSTAINING WORK, A
7 NEED FOR FOOD, FOR SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING, FOR HEALTHCARE AND
8 FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT HELPS ALL CHILDREN TO LEARN AND
9 GROW. MAY WE ALL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE
10 AMONG ALL PEOPLE AND MAY WE WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE THAT EACH
11 PERSON IS ABLE TO MEET HIS OR HER MOST BASIC NEEDS. IN ALL
12 THAT IS SAID AND DONE TODAY IN THIS ASSEMBLY ROOM, MAY WE
13 REMAIN AWARE THAT EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP BEARS WITNESS TO OUR
14 COMMON VISION AND SERVES CONSTITUENTS WITH COMPASSION AND
15 INTEGRITY. HELP US, OH GOD, TO BE THE LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS
16 YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE. IN CLOSING, I QUOTE FROM THE
17 WRITINGS OF THEOLOGIAN AND PREACHER WILLIAM SLOAN COFFIN. MAY
18 GOD GIVE YOU GRACE NEVER TO SELL YOURSELF SHORT, GRACE TO RISK
19 SOMETHING BIG FOR SOMETHING GOOD, GRACE TO REMEMBER THAT THE
20 WORLD IS NOW TOO DANGEROUS FOR ANYTHING BUT TRUTH, AND TOO
21 SMALL FOR ANYTHING BUT LOVE. AMEN.

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23 **STEPHANIE STONE:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
24 AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN IT'S A

4 PLEASURE TO WELCOME REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR, WHO IS AN

5 ORDAINED EPISCOPAL DEACON IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS

6 ANGELES. SHE IS VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AT OLIVE VIEW- U.C.L.A.

7 MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE SPIRITUAL CARE TO PATIENTS, THEIR

8 FAMILIES AND STAFF. SHE SERVES AS PARISH DEACON AT THE

9 EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE EVANGELIST IN LOS ANGELES

10 WHERE SHE COORDINATES THE TWICE MONTHLY CAFE SERVING THE HOT

11 LUNCHEES TO THE COMMUNITY. SHE'S MARRIED TO BRUCE RANKIN AND WE

12 APPRECIATE HER FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN OUR OPENING

13 INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED

16 WITH THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,

19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,

20 PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE

21 POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE

22 CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2014. ON S-1. ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR

23 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON THIS

24 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD

25 IT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING

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1 AUTHORITY, ITEM NO. 1-H, ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 5,
3 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
4 DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
10 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 2,
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
13 WEEK TO AUGUST 19, 2014.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER
19 2, 2014.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS INDICATED

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1 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR
2 KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.
3 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
7 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
11 10 THROUGH 35. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
14 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ALSO ON
16 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.
17 ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST
23 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16?

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. THERE WAS A LATE SIGN UP.
3 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
4 ITEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO-- EXCUSE ME, ON ITEM
9 NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
10 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 25, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE HELD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 19 IS A HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. 25 WE WILL HOLD FOR
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28,
18 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
19 ITEM. AND ON ITEMS NO. 33, 34 AND 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
20 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.
21 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 21, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM
3 NO. 36 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS
4 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2014/'15 TAX AND
6 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION
8 CERTIFICATES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
9 \$36,900,000. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS
15 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE
16 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
17 ITEM NO. 37-A, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
18 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 19, 2014.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 25, NOTICES OF CLOSED
23 SESSION, ON ITEMS NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3, THERE'S A REQUEST
24 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND THAT

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1 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN IT'S A

7 PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE NISEI WEEK TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WE WELCOME THEM TO THE ANNUAL NISEI

9 WEEK JAPANESE FESTIVAL. MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE PARADE. THERE

10 WERE THOUSANDS THERE ON SUNDAY. MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE

11 DINNER AND THE COORDINATION ON SATURDAY AT THE JAPANESE

12 CULTURAL CENTER. THIS IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES

13 COUNTY, ONE OF OUR LARGER PARADES WHERE THE COMMUNITY COMES

14 TOGETHER. AND TODAY WE HAVE THE PROMOTERS, THE CULTURAL

15 EXHIBITS. THE STREET ARTS FESTIVAL, THE GRAND PARADE AND A CAR

16 SHOW. TODAY MICHELLE HIROSE FROM THE LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS

17 ASSOCIATION IS HERE TO HELP COORDINATE. THIS YEAR'S QUEEN IS

18 TORI NISHINAKA-LEON WHO IS 24 YEARS OLD AND A GRADUATE FROM

19 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. SHE

20 CURRENTLY WORKS AT THE OFFICE OF MATTHEW MANISUKI, A DOCTOR IN

21 PASADENA, AND PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN OPTOMETRY. SHE

22 ENJOYS GOLF, PRACTICING YOGA AND GARDENING. AND THIS YEAR SHE

23 SUPPORTS THE DOVE SELF-ESTEEM PLATFORM AS HER PLATFORM. AND

24 HER FAVORITE QUOTE: "START WHERE YOU ARE, USE WHAT YOU HAVE

25 AND DO WHAT YOU CAN." [APPLAUSE.] FIRST PRINCESS IS LINDSAY

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1 EMIKO SUGIMOTO. SHE'S 22 YEARS OLD AND A GRADUATE OF THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS
3 ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AT
4 THE LAW FIRM OF SIKE, NISHIMURA AND WATASE, AND PLANS TO
5 ATTEND LAW SCHOOL. SHE TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND TRYING
6 VERY DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS. THIS YEAR SHE WILL SUPPORT THE
7 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AS HER PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE
8 QUOTE BY MAYA ANGELOU, "I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE FORGET WHAT
9 YOU SAID, PEOPLE FORGET WHAT YOU DID, BUT THEY NEVER FORGET
10 HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL." MISS TOMADACHI ASHLEY AKEMI ARIKAWA
11 IS 23 YEARS OLD, GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
12 IRVINE, WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SHE PLANS TO
13 PURSUE A CAREER IN CORPORATE COMMUNICATION AND CURRENTLY WORKS
14 AT J. MOREY COMPANY INSURANCE AGENCY AS A SOCIAL MEDIA AND
15 COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR. SHE ENJOYS BALLROOM DANCING,
16 HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS AND VOLUNTEERING IN HER COMMUNITY.
17 THIS YEAR, SHE WILL SUPPORT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AS HER
18 PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY WINSTON CHURCHILL, "WE
19 MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."
20 [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS MELISSA SAYURI KOZONO IS 23 YEARS OLD, A
21 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES WITH A
22 DEGREE IN HISTORY. CURRENTLY WORKS AS A PROGRAMS ASSOCIATE AT
23 THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER AND
24 HOPES TO CONTINUE HER CAREER IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. SHE
25 ENJOYS TRAVELING, DOING JAPANESE CLASSICAL DANCE AND GOING TO

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1 DISNEYLAND. THIS YEAR SHE WILL SUPPORT THE CITY OF HOPE AS HER
2 PLATFORM, AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY JOHN WOODEN. "DO NOT
3 LET WHAT YOU CANNOT DO INTERFERE WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO."
4 [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS TIFFANY HASHIMOTO, IS A 23-YEAR-OLD, A
5 GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WITH A DEGREE
6 IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN FOOD
7 SCIENCE AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY AND PLANS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH
8 AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHIER AND MORE NUTRITIOUS FOODS. GET
9 THE PEOPLE OUT OF MCDONALD'S, RIGHT? THERE YOU GO. TIFFANY
10 ENJOYS RUNNING, PAINTING AND COOKING. THIS YEAR SHE WILL
11 SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AS HER PLATFORM. HER
12 FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE, "BE STRONG WHEN
13 YOU'RE WEAK, BRAVE WHEN YOU ARE SCARED, AND HUMBLE WHEN YOU
14 ARE VICTORIOUS." AND PRINCESS DOMINIQUE MASHBURN IS 22-YEAR-
15 OLD, ATTENDS THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES,
16 PURSUING A DEGREE IN GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE. SHE
17 CURRENTLY WORKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES
18 FUND AS A STUDENT FUND-RAISER. SHE ENJOYS WATCHING MOTION
19 PICTURES AND TUTORING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THIS YEAR
20 SHE WILL SUPPORT THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA AS HER
21 PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY RALPH WALDO EMERSON,
22 "DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD; GO, INSTEAD, WHERE THERE
23 IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL." [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **TORI NISHINAKA-LEON:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS TORI
2 NISHINAKA-LEON. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE AS THE 2014 NISEI
3 WEEK QUEEN. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE COURT AND I,
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO
5 SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, AND FOR SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA
6 FOR REPRESENTING US AND FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. WE'D ALSO LIKE
7 TO INVITE YOU TO OUR CLOSING CEREMONY IN LITTLE TOKYO ON
8 SUNDAY AT 3 O'CLOCK TO DO STREET DANCING. YOU SHOULD ALL COME
9 OUT. IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT
10 TO YOU OFFICIAL NISEI WEEK BOOKLETS TO THE SUPERVISORS.
11 LADIES, IF YOU DON'T MIND. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US.
12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **MICHAEL KOMOTO:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING US THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
16 KOMOTO, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION. NISEI WEEK
17 FOUNDATION IS ALL VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. AND OUR
18 MISSION IS TO PROMOTE JAPANESE AND JAPANESE-AMERICAN CULTURE
19 AND TRADITIONS WHILE BRINGING TOGETHER THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
20 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION. WE
21 ARE VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAVE THIS EVENT IN THE HISTORICAL
22 LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE
23 ARE PRETTY MUCH HALFWAY DONE WITH THE FESTIVAL, BUT THIS
24 COMING WEEKEND AS TORI MENTIONED, WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF
25 EXCITEMENT COMING UP. AND EVERY YEAR WE ADD SOMETHING NEW TO

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1 OUR PROGRAM. WE WERE ABLE TO ADD, THROUGH THE HELP OF THE L.A.
2 COUNTY, WE WERE ABLE TO ADD FASHION EVENT THIS YEAR FEATURING
3 KIMONO OF CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL. AND THIS COMING
4 WEEKEND, WE WILL BE ADDING ANOTHER NEW FEATURE OF RAMEN
5 FESTIVAL, WHICH IS LIKE NOODLE FESTIVAL, WHICH IS NEW. SO I
6 ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND. AND AS
7 TORI MENTIONED, SUNDAY IS THE CLOSING CEREMONY. IT WILL BE
8 DANCING ON THE FIRST STREET. SO PLEASE JOIN US. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH FOR HAVING US THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE LITTLE TITI, SHE'S A CHIHUAHUA
12 MIX, SHE'S 12 WEEKS OLD. LITTLE TITI. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A
13 HOME. ANYBODY LOOKING TO ADOPT HER CAN CALL 562-322-8762. AND
14 LITTLE TITI CAN BE YOUR LITTLE TITI. THERE'S CHARLES AND
15 MARTHA HOUSE. WE SEE THEM. MAYBE THEY WANT TO ADOPT TITI? HUH?
16 LOVE TO GO TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS. LET ME JUST ADD THAT BILL
17 FUJIOKA AND DARLENE AND HIS MOM WERE IN THAT PARADE AND WERE
18 HONORED, AS WELL, ON SUNDAY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK CHARLES AND MARTHA
21 HOUSE AND IRMA SCHUB AND EILEEN HOLDER FROM MEALS ON WHEELS IN
22 INDUSTRY TO JOIN ME FOR THIS PRESENTATION. JOINING THEM ARE
23 JOE GARDENER, PRESIDENT OF MEALS ON WHEELS AND HIS WIFE DEBBY.
24 TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING FOUR VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM
25 HACIENDA HEIGHTS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO THE MEALS AND

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1 WHEELS WHICH IS, AS WE ALL KNOW, A NONPROFIT, VOLUNTEER
2 DRIVEN, COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOD DELIVERY PROGRAM WITHIN THE SAN
3 GABRIEL VALLEY. THEY DELIVER WELL BALANCED MEALS TO PEOPLE WHO
4 HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING MEALS DUE TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL OR
5 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS. MARTHA HOUSE IS CELEBRATING HER 25TH
6 ANNIVERSARY AS A BOARD PRESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT OF MEALS
7 ON WHEELS. IN 1989 SHE JOINED MEALS ON WHEELS AND CURRENTLY
8 SERVES AS TREASURER AND EVENTS CHAIR. SHE'S ALSO RESPONSIBLE
9 FOR FILING GOVERNMENT REPORTS, GRANT WRITING, ORGANIZING THE
10 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT, THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AND
11 FUNDRAISING. CHARLES HOUSE IS CELEBRATING HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY
12 WITH MEALS ON WHEELS. IN 1994 HE JOINED MEALS ON WHEELS AND IN
13 1996 HE BECAME PRESIDENT, SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY FOR 12
14 YEARS. HE'S A PRINCIPAL FUND-RAISER WHO WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE
15 FOR OBTAINING THEIR FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 14 YEARS AGO.
16 BOTH CHARLES AND MARTHA ARE 45-YEAR RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA
17 HEIGHTS AND ARE INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS CLUBS AND COMMUNITY
18 ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE EXTREMELY INVOLVED AND BENEFICIAL AND
19 INFLUENTIAL IN THE COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. IRMA SCHUB
20 IS CELEBRATING HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS A VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR
21 MEALS ON WHEELS. IRMA, WHO IS A 51-YEAR HACIENDA HEIGHTS
22 RESIDENT, JOINED MEALS IN 1989 AS A VOLUNTEER DRIVER. AFTER 25
23 YEARS, SHE IS THE ONLY DRIVER TO REACH SUCH A MILESTONE. SHE
24 CURRENTLY DONATES THREE HOURS OF HER TIME ONCE A WEEK. SHE IS
25 A TIRELESS AND UNSELFISH VOLUNTEER WHO RECEIVES GREAT

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1 SATISFACTION IN DELIVERING MEALS AND SHOWING THE RECIPIENTS
2 AND MAKING SURE AND KNOWING THAT THE RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE
3 HEALTHY MEALS TO EAT. EILEEN HOLDER IS CELEBRATING HER 21ST
4 ANNIVERSARY AS A BOARD MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR MEALS
5 ON WHEELS. SHE IS A 50-YEAR RESIDENT AND FORMER FIRST
6 LIEUTENANT IN THE ARMY NURSE CORPS WHO JOINED MEALS IN 1993 AS
7 A VOLUNTEER DRIVER AND IN 1994 SHE BECAME A BOARD MEMBER. SHE
8 ALSO SERVES AS THE OPERATION LIAISON ASSISTING THE
9 ADMINISTRATOR. SHE IS A TIRELESS AND SELFLESS VOLUNTEER WHO
10 RECEIVES GREAT SATISFACTION IN DELIVERING MEALS AS THE DRIVERS
11 ARE IN MANY CASES ARE THE RECIPIENTS' ONLY OUTSIDE CONTACT. SO
12 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE FOLKS AT HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND
13 MOST IMPORTANTLY THOSE THAT ARE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE MEALS
14 ON WHEELS, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM ALL AND I HAVE A
15 SCROLL TO PRESENT THEM. ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS, YOU MIGHT
16 WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS HERE.

17

18 **MARTHA HOUSE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY, I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN
19 ON THE FREEWAY FOR THREE DAYS, BUT IT'S STILL MORNING. FIRST
20 OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY WHAT A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION MEALS ON
21 WHEELS IS. WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE ORGANIZATION, I DECIDED
22 THAT I NEEDED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, NEVER KNOWING
23 THAT I'D LAST FOR 25 YEARS. BUT I WOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR
24 THIS ORGANIZATION. AND IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO
25 DO THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **CHARLES HOUSE:** THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH. I'M DELIGHTED TO
3 BE HERE ALSO. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE FOR HIS
4 UNSWERVING SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND MEALS
5 ON WHEELS BUT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA
6 HEIGHTS. ABOUT 21 YEARS AGO MARTHA AND I USED TO GO TO VARIOUS
7 CITIES IN THE COUNTY TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERTS. AND WE
8 THOUGHT THAT WAS A GOOD WAY TO SPEND OUR WEEKENDS, TO HEAR
9 FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUSIC. AND IN EACH OF THESE CITIES WE WOULD
10 SEE SOMEONE FROM HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AND SO MARTHA SAID: WHY
11 DON'T WE CONTACT DON KNABE, MEANING ME, AND ASK HIM TO GIVE US
12 SOME SEED MONEY TO START OUR CONCERTS? AT THE TIME HE WORKED
13 FOR SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA AND HE DID. AND 20 YEARS LATER, THIS
14 IS WHAT WE HAVE, SOME OF THE FINEST CONCERTS IN SOUTHERN
15 CALIFORNIA. AND TONIGHT WE'RE FEATURING THE THREE MO' TENORS.
16 SO PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US. HAVE A NICE TIME. TONIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE WANT TO AGAIN GIVE A
19 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MEALS ON WHEELS, 25 YEARS OF SERVICE
20 TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW CHARLES JUST TOOK AWAY
21 THE NEXT PRESENTATION BECAUSE I'M GOING TO ASK CHARLES AND
22 MARTHA, SO WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OUT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, BUT
23 THEY DID IT, 20 YEARS. I TELL YOU, IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO ONE,
24 THEY'RE FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY. SOMETIMES THEY GET AS MANY AS
25 5,000 PEOPLE OUT THERE TO WATCH THIS. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE

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1 EVENING. LIKE YOU SAID TONIGHT THEY HAVE THE THREE MO' TENORS
2 OUT THERE. SO THEY'VE HAD GREAT PROGRAMS. AND SO I DON'T KNOW
3 WHAT ELSE I CAN ADD TO CHARLES'S PRESENTATION. BUT CHARLES AND
4 MARTHA, NOT ONLY YOU HEARD THEM ABOUT THEIR MEALS ON WHEELS,
5 BUT GETTING THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK GOING. I KNOW IN THE
6 TIMES THAT I'M ABLE TO GET OUT THERE TO SEE AN EVENT, THE
7 THANK YOUS TO CHARLES AND MARTHA AND THEIR COMMITTEE. I THINK
8 THERE'S SOME FOLKS HERE FROM THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK. YEAH,
9 THE PURPLE T SHIRTS OR PURPLE SHIRTS HERE. STAND UP. SOME
10 BOARD MEMBERS. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE WANTED TO HAVE
11 THEM DOWN HERE FOR MEALS AND WHEELS. WE THOUGHT WE'D SURPRISE
12 THEM AND PRESENT THEM ANOTHER SCROLL AND LET CHARLES DO THE
13 INTRODUCTION AND THANK THEM FOR 20 YEARS OF CONCERTS IN THE
14 PARK, NOT JUST TO THEM BUT TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
15 AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. HERE YOU GO.
16 [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **CHARLES HOLDER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING ABOUT EILEEN
19 HOLDER. SHE'S 92 YEARS OF AGE AND SHE'S A WORLD WAR II, SHE'S
20 A LIEUTENANT DURING WORLD WAR II. AND SHE IS STILL WORKING
21 VERY, VERY HARD FOR MEALS ON WHEELS. WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY
22 MUCH. AND WE ALSO APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR DON KNABE'S SUPPORT OF
23 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT A CITY, HE HAS ALWAYS
24 TREATED US VERY, VERY WELL. AND MY DEAR FRIEND MIKE LEWIS
25 DOESN'T LIKE FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT I HAVE TO SAY IT BECAUSE

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1 IT'S TRUE. DON KNABE'S DONE MORE FOR HACIENDA HEIGHTS THAN ALL
2 OF HIS PREDECESSORS COMBINED. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY,
3 VERY MUCH. AND WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH'S
4 SUPPORT OF OUR MEALS ON WHEELS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR
5 PROVIDING US WITH THE TRANSPORTATION AND ALSO FOR CONNIE
6 DOUGLAS AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HE'S ALSO RETIRED FROM OUR
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
11 CALL UP DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, HIS WIFE KAREN AND SON ANDREW.
12 BRING HIM UP. [APPLAUSE.] WOW. THIS IS JUST LIKE DODGERS
13 STADIUM. (APPLAUSE AND CHEERING CONTINUES). HOW DID YOU GET
14 THAT SIGN THROUGH SECURITY? [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, ALL RIGHT. SO
15 HE'S NOT LEAVING. THAT WAS A JOKE. [LAUGHTER.] BUT, FIRST OF
16 ALL, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE JONATHAN AND KAREN. I UNDERSTAND
17 THEY'RE GOING TO BE CELEBRATING THEIR 38TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
18 LATER THIS MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST OF ALL, ON 38 YEARS.
19 [APPLAUSE.] AS WE ALL KNOW, DR. FIELDING WILL BE RETIRING FROM
20 HIS POSITION AS OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH
21 OFFICER, POSITIONS THAT HE'S SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR THE
22 PAST 16 YEARS. DIRECTING A STAFF OF NEARLY 4,000, HE HAS
23 CONTRIBUTED TO THE INNOVATIONS IN THE AREAS OF CHRONIC DISEASE
24 PREVENTION, RESTAURANT LETTER GRADING. HE WASN'T POPULAR IN
25 THE BEGINNING BUT HE'S POPULAR NOW. [LAUGHTER.] GO GIVE THEM

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1 AN A. [LAUGHTER.] AND SO HE'S ALSO, YOU KNOW, VERY INVOLVED IN
2 OUR NUTRITIONAL LABELING PROGRAMS AND JUST TO NAME A FEW OF
3 THOSE. HE'S ALSO A PROMINENT NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT AND
4 SERVES AS AN APPOINTEE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY GROUP ON
5 PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH. HE'S
6 DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEALTH
7 PROFESSIONALS AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR FOR THE SCHOOLS OF
8 MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A.. HE'S ALSO AUTHORED
9 NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT NOT TO BE
10 FORGOTTEN IS DR. FIELDING'S OTHER CONTRIBUTION. DURING PUBLIC
11 HEALTH EMERGENCIES, DR. FIELDING WAS THE CALMING AND
12 REASSURING VOICE ON THE RADIO, ON THE TELEVISION AND RIGHT
13 HERE THAT INFORMED THE PUBLIC AND GUIDED THE MEDIA ON WHAT THE
14 PROPER RESPONSE SHOULD BE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR
15 10 MILLION RESIDENTS AND YOUR VERY CARING DEPARTMENT, WE WANT
16 TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL AND WISH YOU GODSPEED AND GOOD
17 HEALTH IN YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YOU KNOW, I DECIDED THAT STANDING UP
20 HERE IS MORE FUN THAN SITTING AT THE CENTER TABLE. [LAUGHTER.]
21 WELL, FIRST OF ALL, MY THANKS TO MY WONDERFUL FAMILY. THIS IS
22 A JOB THAT TAKES A TOLL. AND YOU NEED TO HAVE A FAMILY WHO'S
23 VERY SUPPORTIVE AND SAYS IT'S OKAY. AND MY WONDERFUL WIFE
24 KAREN, MY SONS ANDREW AND PRESTON, HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY
25 SUPPORTIVE AND I REALLY THANK THEM FOR THAT. I WANT TO THANK

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1 TEAM PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU'RE THE BEST. YOU'RE MISSION-DRIVEN,
2 YOU'RE UNHERALDED. YOU DO SO MUCH EVERY DAY THAT'S INVISIBLE.
3 BUT THIS IS A DAY TO BE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND TO
4 CELEBRATE SOME OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. MY THANKS TO THE BOARD
5 FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THIS ROLE FOR THE
6 PAST 16 YEARS. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY ACTIONS ON BEHALF
7 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN CREATING A SEPARATE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE BUT IT'S
9 DAUNTINGLY BROAD: TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF EVERY
10 SINGLE RESIDENT, INCLUDING ALL THE ONES IN THIS ROOM, TO
11 PROTECT THEIR HEALTH AND PROMOTE BETTER HEALTH FOR THEM. OVER
12 THIS LAST 16 YEARS, WE FACED SOME NOVEL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS
13 FROM BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGIC TERRORISM
14 POSSIBILITIES TO NEW INFECTIOUS DISEASES LIKE WEST NILE, SWINE
15 FLU, BIRD FLU, M.R.S.A., AND S.A.R.S. AND MOST RECENTLY OF
16 COURSE, EBOLA. AND EVEN RESURGENT VACCINE-PREVENTABLE
17 DISEASES. WE SEE A RESURGENCE OF WHOOPING COUGH AND WE SEE
18 EVIDENCE OF MEASLES IN OUR POPULATIONS. WE'VE SEEN AN
19 UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN OBESITY WITH THE RESULTANT INCREASE
20 IN DIABETES AND THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT THAT THEN LEADS TO.
21 AND WE HAVE FACED PERSISTENT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. WE STILL
22 HAVE SIGNIFICANT AIR POLLUTION. WE HAVE LEAD POISONING. WE
23 HAVE CHROMIUM 6 AND OTHERS. WE'RE ALSO CONFRONTING AN EPIDEMIC
24 OF OPIATE USE AND POSSIBLE INCREASES IN NICOTINE ADDICTION DUE
25 TO THE PROMOTION OF E-CIGARETTES NOW TO OUR YOUTH. WE'VE ALSO

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1 FACED LEGAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY DEFEATED BALLOT
2 INITIATIVE THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO
3 CREATE ITS OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO, HOW ARE WE DOING
4 TO ADDRESS THESE AND OTHER THREATS TO OUR UNIQUELY DIVERSE
5 POPULATION? WHEN I SAY "WE", I MEAN PUBLIC HEALTH WRIT BROAD.
6 OUR MANY PARTNERS, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, WONDERFUL COUNTY
7 COLLABORATORS, THE C.E.O., NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
8 CITIES, COMMUNITIES, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
9 THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
10 WELL, THE VERY GOOD NEWS IS THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IS DEFINITELY
11 IMPROVING. OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS, L.A. HAS EXPERIENCED A
12 REMARKABLE 3-1/2 YEAR INCREASE IN AVERAGE LONGEVITY. WE ARE
13 NOW WELL ABOVE 80. WE'RE TO 81.5 YEARS. THIS HAS RESULTED FROM
14 A REMARKABLE 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN DEATH RATES, A 37 PERCENT
15 REDUCTION IN MORTALITY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND A 35
16 PERCENT REDUCTION IN MORTALITY FROM STROKE, A 41 PERCENT
17 DECLINE IN LUNG CANCER AND A 26 PERCENT DECLINE IN INFANT
18 MORTALITY. WE'VE ALSO MADE HUGE PROGRESS IN HEALTHY BEHAVIORS.
19 IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WHEN YOU THINK BACK THEN THAT WE'VE HAD A
20 PRECIPITOUS 72 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ADULT SMOKERS AND 63
21 PERCENT DECLINE IN TEEN SMOKERS. THE TEEN SMOKING RIGHT NOW IN
22 YOUR COUNTY IS ONLY 6.7 PERCENT. AND THE OVERALL RATE IS 13.1
23 PERCENT, AMONG THE LOWEST OF ANY METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE
24 COUNTRY. WE ALSO, ALTHOUGH WE ARE BIG ON FRUITS AND
25 VEGETABLES, WE ALSO HAVE FEWER COUCH POTATOES. [LAUGHTER.] AND

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1 WE HAVE 29 PERCENT INCREASE IN ADULTS REPORTING ENOUGH AEROBIC
2 ACTIVITY TO MEET NATIONAL GUIDELINES. WE HAVE MORE ADULTS
3 SAYING THEY'RE HAVING AT LEAST FIVE DAILY SERVINGS OF FRUITS
4 AND VEGETABLES. AND IT APPEARS THAT THE LONG INCREASE IN
5 CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IS NOW AT AN END AND WE'RE
6 STARTING TO TURN THE CORNER, WHICH IS REALLY GOOD NEWS FOR OUR
7 CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN. OUR DEPARTMENT TAKES PRIDE IN
8 HAVING DEVELOPED A ROBUST EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
9 CAPABILITY, IN OPERATING A STATE-OF-THE-ART PUBLIC HEALTH
10 REFERENCE LABORATORY, AND OPENING THE FIRST NEW PUBLIC HEALTH
11 CENTER IN 35 YEARS. WE'RE ALSO PROUD OF THE BOARD-DIRECTED
12 INNOVATIVE RESTAURANT GRADING PROGRAM. THIS WILL REDUCE SEVERE
13 FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS BY OVER 13 PERCENT IN THE FIRST YEAR. AND
14 NOT ONLY THAT, IT'S BEEN WIDELY EMULATED ALL AROUND THE
15 COUNTRY AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE
16 ESTABLISHED AN AWARD-WINNING CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY
17 PREVENTION DIVISION TO CONTROL THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT
18 TOGETHER COMBINE TO AFFECT 80 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL HEALTH AND
19 INJURY BURDEN, 80 PERCENT. WITH LEGAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT
20 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED OVER \$650 MILLION IN
21 THE SUIT AGAINST PAINT COMPANIES THAT SOLD LEAD PAINT THAT
22 POISONED CHILDREN, AND THOSE FUNDS WILL NOW BE USED TO ABATE
23 LEAD HAZARDS IN POOR, HIGH RISK COMMUNITIES. AND OUR
24 DEPARTMENT PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE DECISION OF THE
25 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT TO FLUORIDATE ITS WATER. THE

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1 RESULT WILL BE LESS TOOTH DECAY AND FEWER LOST TEETH, THAT AS
2 THE CONDITION CAN LEAD TO POORER HEALTH AND NEGATIVE SELF-
3 IMAGE. WE'VE ALSO SHARPENED OUR FOCUS ON THE FIRST YEARS OF
4 LIFE WITH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE REDUCED INFANT MORTALITY AND
5 IMPROVED COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH, WHICH IS CRITICAL
6 FOR THESE CHILDREN AS THEY GROW UP. THESE PROGRAMS CAN ALSO
7 REDUCE THE RISK FOR THESE CHILDREN IN ADULTHOOD AND THEY CAN
8 LEAD TO BETTER ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES. AND FIRST L.A-- FIRST
9 FIVE L.A. HAS BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE AND STEADFAST PARTNER IN
10 THESE EFFORTS. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO BE A TEAM LEADER OF THE
11 4,000 D.P.H. STAFF, 39 PROGRAMS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THESE
12 AND OTHER REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
13 EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT. LOOKING AHEAD, WHEN WE SEE WHAT CAN
14 WE DO OVER THE NEXT 10 OR 15 YEARS, THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IS
15 HOW TO REDUCE THE HUGE DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AMONG DIFFERENT
16 POPULATIONS IN OUR COUNTY. LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE MAJOR
17 THINGS WHICH DETERMINE OUR HEALTH ARE HOW AS A SOCIETY WE
18 DETERMINE OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, OUR ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND
19 OUR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. PEOPLE IN OUR WEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS
20 LIVE AN AVERAGE OF 12 YEARS LONGER THAN IN POOR COMMUNITIES.
21 ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS, ON AVERAGE, LIVE 10 YEARS LONGER THAN
22 BLACKS. WE CAN ONLY START REMEDYING THESE HEALTH DIFFERENCES
23 AND THE RESULTING BURDENS ON OUR ECONOMY BY WORKING ACROSS
24 SECTORS. POVERTY IS A PERVASIVE POISON THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS
25 HEALTH. FORMAL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IS A PARTIAL ANTIDOTE AS

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1 IS THE AVAILABILITY OF MORE WELL PAYING JOBS. INCREASING HIGH
2 SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCED HEALTH
3 DISPARITIES AND CAN MAKE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MORE
4 EXPANSIVE MASS TRANSIT CAN ALSO ADD YEARS TO LIFE EXPECTANCY
5 AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE. AND TOO MANY POOR COMMUNITIES HAVE
6 THEIR RESIDENTS' HEALTH ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THEIR PROXIMITY
7 TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS. WE NEED TO GREATLY INCREASE OUR
8 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND ACTION TO HELP ALLEVIATE
9 ACTIONS IN OUR HIGHLY BURDENED COMMUNITIES. BY WORKING ACROSS
10 SECTORS, PUBLIC HEALTH, THROUGH EDUCATION, HEALTHY PUBLIC
11 POLICY, AND EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS CAN IMPROVE BOTH PUBLIC
12 HEALTH AND NARROW THE GAP IN UNACCEPTABLE HEALTH DISPARITIES.
13 WE SHARE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF
14 OUR PLANET SO IT WILL BE HABITABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE
15 GENERATIONS. TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN IN THE PAST,
16 SAFEGUARDING HEALTH IN THE FUTURE IT WILL REQUIRE A DIFFERENT
17 APPROACH TO TWO KEY RESOURCES, TWO: WATER AND ENERGY. FOR
18 WATER, CONSERVATION IS IMPERATIVE AND NOT DIFFICULT IF WE
19 TREAT IT AS THE PRECIOUS RESOURCE THAT WE KNOW IT IS. FOR
20 ENERGY, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE IN
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT GROWTH OF CARBON-BASED FUEL
22 CONSUMPTION IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM AND THERE IS LACK OF
23 UNIVERSAL WILLINGNESS TO CURTAIL CO2 RELEASE. AT THE COUNTY
24 LEVEL, WE CAN HIGHLIGHT THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE EFFECTS
25 OF WANTON ENERGY USE AND WE CAN MODEL HOW A METROPOLITAN AREA

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1 CAN SHRINK-- SHRINK OUR ENERGY FOOTPRINT. LOOKING AHEAD, WE
2 HAVE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES. ONE, WE HAVE TO DO A LOT
3 BETTER AT SOCIAL MEDIA. SOME OF US GREW UP WHEN THERE WASN'T
4 ANY SOCIAL MEDIA. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO REACH A LOT OF
5 THE SEGMENTS OF OUR POPULATION. AND WE NEED TO NARROWCAST. WE
6 NEED TO BE ABLE TO REACH POPULATIONS THAT ARE
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED. WE ALSO NEED TO PAY MORE
8 ATTENTION TO THE OLDER RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE EACH ONE OF US
9 AS WE AGE CAN RETAIN FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE AS LONG IN LIFE
10 AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING WHAT SCIENCE HAS SHOWN CAN DELAY THE
11 ONSET OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. ANOTHER CHALLENGE IS TO ASSURE
12 THE BEST SCIENCE-PROVEN INTERVENTIONS ARE EMPLOYED BY EVERY
13 ONE OF THE PROGRAMS WE AS A COUNTY OPERATE. INCREASED ECONOMIC
14 ANALYSIS IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE OUR TAXPAYERS AND OTHER
15 FUNDERS THAT OUR WORK IS COST-EFFECTIVE, THAT IT'S WORTH THE
16 INVESTMENT BECAUSE OF THE HEALTH BENEFIT. INCREASED EXPERTISE
17 IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE IS NECESSARY TO COUNTER THE
18 INCREASED NUMBER OF HEALTH RISKS ARISING FROM OUR PHYSICAL
19 SURROUNDINGS. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AND THIS I WANT TO
20 EMPHASIZE, WE NEED YOUR BOARD'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO
21 STRENGTHEN OUR DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH
22 NEEDS CONTINUE TO GROW IN BREADTH AND IN INTENSITY. AND WE
23 ALWAYS HAVE NOVEL THREATS THAT WE'RE BEHIND ON. SO IN CLOSING,
24 I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, MY TEAMMATES IN D.P.H., OUR MANY
25 COUNTY AND EXTERNAL COLLEAGUES AND COLLABORATORS. THIS IS THE

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1 BEST JOB I'VE EVER HAD, AND I WILL MISS IT. AND I SEE SO MUCH
2 POTENTIAL FOR CONTINUED GROWTH. I WILL WATCH IT WITH PRIDE AND
3 ENVY AS I RETURN TO U.C.L.A. TO TRY AND HELP PREPARE THE NEXT
4 GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS. YOU ARE ALL GREAT
5 AMERICANS, AND YOU ARE ALL GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND
6 THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE
7 A WONDERFUL PLACE TO DO THIS UNHERALDED WORK. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. FIELDING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, YOU GET ONE
13 MORE CHANCE TO HEAR A SUPERVISOR OPINE ABOUT YOU. THIS IS A
14 SAD DAY FROM THE COUNTY, AND BITTERSWEET FOR DR. FIELDING, I'M
15 SURE. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH YOU SINCE I
16 BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU.
17 YOU'VE BEEN A REAL TEACHER TO ME AND MY STAFF. I LEARN MORE
18 ABOUT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THAN I EVER WANTED TO KNOW. AND
19 HOPEFULLY IT WILL NEVER COME IN HANDY. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT
20 SURE WE APPRECIATE-- I THINK THE BOARD DOES, BUT I'M NOT SURE
21 THE PUBLIC DOES-- WE ALWAYS HEAR ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T
22 DO RIGHT. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT WE DO RIGHT. AND ONE OF
23 THE THINGS THAT WE DO QUITE RIGHT IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 FUNCTION. AND DR. FIELDING HAS BEEN-- FIRST OF ALL, HE WAS THE
25 DRIVING FORCE BEHIND GETTING THIS DEPARTMENT TO BE AN

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1 INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT AND NOT A STEPCHILD TO THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HEALTH SERVICES WHICH I THINK MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO
3 PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS REGION AND CERTAINLY TO THE FOCUS IT
4 BROUGHT TO US ON SOME OF THE ISSUES. AND LORD KNOWS IT WAS
5 JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY ISSUES. 9/11,
6 ANTHRAX, ALL THE THREATS THAT WERE COMING IN. ALL THE RUMORS
7 THAT WERE COMING IN. AND THEN THE H1N1, WHATEVER IT WAS
8 CALLED, THE BIG EPIDEMIC THAT NEVER HAPPENED. AND THIS COUNTY
9 WAS EXTREMELY WELL PREPARED FOR THAT BECAUSE OF THE WORK YOU
10 DID IN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR IT. DON MENTIONED IT, THE
11 RESTAURANT RATING SYSTEM AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DONE HAS PUT IT AT THE
13 FOREFRONT OF THE NATION'S PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES. AND I WOULD
14 SAY IT RIVALS ANY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY, LOCAL,
15 STATE OR NATIONAL. AND IT'S A FUNCTION OF YOUR LEADERSHIP. SO
16 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. AS WE
17 FOUND OUT A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN YOU ENDOWED THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL
18 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK. [LAUGHTER.] IF I
19 HAD ONLY KNOWN YOU HAD THAT KIND OF MONEY AT THE TIME, I NEVER
20 WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT.
21 [LAUGHTER.] YOU COULD HAVE HANDLED IT YOURSELF. [LAUGHTER.]
22 BUT, SERIOUSLY, THE ENDOWMENT TO THE JONATHAN FIELDING SCHOOL
23 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A. WILL BE PERHAPS YOUR GREATEST
24 LEGACY BECAUSE IT WILL TRAIN AND BRING TO THE FORE, PUBLIC
25 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LIKE YOURSELF AND LIKE THE PEOPLE SITTING

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1 OUT HERE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF
2 AMERICANS AND WORLD CITIZENS IN PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I
3 THINK THAT IS JUST AN INCREDIBLE GIFT THAT YOU'VE GIVEN
4 HUMANITY. SO, JONATHAN, YOU'RE A CONSTITUENT, SO I'VE ALWAYS
5 TREATED YOU WITH RESPECT BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERED TO ME.
6 [LAUGHTER.] BUT I THINK-- I KNOW THAT THIS COUNTY WILL MISS
7 YOU. AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WILL MISS YOU. BUT WE'LL BE
8 THE BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR LIFE'S WORK.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ZEV
11 SAID IT BEST. BUT THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN GIVE IS, I'LL NEVER
12 FORGET 9/11, NOR ALL WE. AND IN THE FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THAT,
13 WE HAD A BIOLOGICAL TRAINING EXERCISE. AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT
14 THAT THAT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF 9/11. AND THAT
15 TRAINING EXERCISE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR OVER A YEAR BY YOUR
16 DEPARTMENT IN TRYING TO GET IN FRONT OF THESE KINDS OF ISSUES.
17 THAT'S THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN GIVE, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHERS.
18 SO WE TRULY HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP OVER THE YEARS.
19 AND THAT OF YOUR DEPARTMENT'S. AND I JUST WANT TO, LIKE I SAID
20 EARLIER, WISH YOU THE VERY BEST AND GODSPEED IN YOUR
21 RETIREMENT. MARK?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. YOU
24 THINK OF JONATHAN FIELDING, YOU THINK OF ONE WHO IS ERUDITE,
25 YOU THINK OF ONE WHO IS PROGRESSIVE. THESE ARE DESCRIPTORS

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1 THAT I HAVE HELD LONG BEFORE I BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD.
2 A FEW EXAMPLES WILL SUFFICE. NOTED PSYCHIATRIST, DEBORAH
3 PROTHROW STITH HELD A CONVERSATION IN A HOME HERE IN OUR CITY
4 AND COUNTY. THE ISSUE WAS THE EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE AND THE
5 TOLL THAT IT WAS TAKING ON COMMUNITIES FAR AND WIDE,
6 GROUNDBREAKING WORK IN TERMS OF NONVIOLENT INTERVENTION
7 STRATEGIES AND THERE WHO SAT AMONG THEM AND OPINED WITH
8 ELOQUENCE WAS DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. ON OCCASION OF THE
9 EPIDEMIC OF VICIOUS DOG BITES, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS
10 DEALING WITH THOSE ISSUES WHEN I SERVED ON THAT BODY AND WHO
11 DID WE CALL TO HELP GIVE INSIGHTS IN THAT INSTANCE? NONE OTHER
12 THAN DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. WHEN EL NINO CAME AND STREETS WERE
13 FLOODED AND KIDS WERE WALKING THROUGH WHAT THEY KNEW NOT OF,
14 IT WAS SEWAGE, RAW SEWAGE, THERE CAME DR. JONATHAN FIELDING TO
15 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF YOU WANT TO KEEP KIDS SAFE WHEN THEY GO
16 TO SCHOOL, YOU HAVE TO KEEP THEM FROM WALKING THROUGH AND
17 PLAYING IN THAT WHICH THEY THINK IS JUST A FLOOD OF WATER
18 THAT'S CUTE AND THE LIKE, IT'S SEWAGE, RAW SEWAGE. AND HIS
19 DECLARATIONS HELPED US ALL KNOW AND LEARN WHAT THAT MEANT. MY
20 EXAMPLES ARE NOT LIMITED. THREE WILL SUFFICE. HE HAS BEEN A
21 LEADER IN PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HIS LEGACY IS YET TO BE FULLY
22 APPRECIATED. WE SALUTE HIM OR WE CELEBRATE HIM AND WE THANK
23 HIM FOR ALL THAT HE'S DONE FOR THIS COUNTY, FOR THIS REGION,
24 YEA, EVEN THE NATION. JONATHAN FIELDING, BLESS YOU.
25 [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D ALSO LIKE TO JOIN INTO
3 THANKING DR. FIELDING. WE BROUGHT FORTH THE RESTAURANT GRADING
4 SYSTEM. IT DID HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT, AS WAS STATED, WITH
5 REDUCTION IN PTOMAINÉ FOOD POISONING. BUT TWO WEEKS MY SON AND
6 MOTHER-IN-LAW GOT FOOD POISONING, AND WE APPRECIATE THE
7 DEPARTMENT REACTING AND TAKING THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSURE
8 THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY FUTURE FOOD POISONING IN THAT
9 PARTICULAR RESTAURANT THAT THEY PARTICIPATED IN. BUT WE
10 APPRECIATE BECAUSE PUBLIC HEALTH IS SO ESSENTIAL AND VITAL AND
11 IMPORTANT, ONE THAT GETS A LOWER PRIORITY WHEN IN FACT IT DOES
12 IMPACT THE ENTIRE NATION. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** PUBLIC HEALTH IS MISSION-DRIVEN. PUBLIC
16 HEALTH HAS SOME OF THE MOST DEDICATED PEOPLE YOU'LL EVER FIND.
17 PUBLIC SERVICE IS, IN FACT, OUR HIGHEST CALLING. AND IT'S BEEN
18 AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO SERVE. BUT THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING
19 THAT PUBLIC HEALTH CAN DO ALONE. BUT WITH THE KIND OF PARTNERS
20 THAT WE HAVE, THE BOARD, THE OTHER AGENCIES, THE OUTSIDE
21 ORGANIZATIONS, THERE'S NO PROBLEM THAT WE CAN'T HELP SOLVE. SO
22 THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, TEAM PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THANK YOU
23 FOR ALL THE REST OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU WERE
24 PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. AND
2 HAVE A GREAT RETIREMENT. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THOSE
3 FOLKS HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD SACHS 1-D, 11, 26, 33, 35
4 AND C.S.-3. ERIC PREVEN, 1, 11, 16, 19, 26, 28, 33 AND 34, 35,
5 C.S.-1 AND C.S.- C.S.-3. AND THOSE ARE THE TWO.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
8 ITEM NO. 2 LAST WEEK HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ITEM NO. 6 THIS
9 WEEK, WHICH IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO MEMORIALIZE SOME
10 FISCAL AND BUDGET POLICIES THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN UTILIZING.
11 ONE PIECE THAT IS BURIED-- AND TODAY I ASKED FOR THE
12 ATTACHMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE AN
13 ATTACHMENT. I THINK THAT ATTACHMENT NEEDS TO BE SCRUTINIZED
14 CAREFULLY. ITEM NO. 6 SPECIFIES TWO AREAS WHERE THEY'RE
15 CALLING FOR A FOUR OUT OF FIVE VOTE MANDATE. THIS, TO ME-- TO
16 CHANGE THE POLICY. THIS, TO ME, INCLUDES LABOR AND CHANGING
17 OTHER FISCAL POLICIES. SO IT HAS THE EFFECT OF A KIND OF
18 POISON PILL FOR THIS FIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO THAT
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO WILL BE SITTING ALONE IN A FEW
20 YEARS, IS GOING TO HAVE TO GET THREE CHARACTERS ON BOARD TO
21 CHANGE THESE POLICIES. SO I WOULD LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT, VERY
22 CLOSELY. I THINK IT'S WORRISOME. ITEM NO. 10 IS AN ITEM, THIS
23 WEEK'S ITEM TO GIVE A.E.C.O.M. 13-1/2 MILLION. LAST WEEK WE
24 GAVE THEM 13-1/2 MILLION IN CONNECTION WITH SCOPING OUT THE
25 GIANT JAIL FACILITY. THIS WEEK WE'RE GIVING THEM 13-1/2

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1 MILLION TO FOLLOW UP ON A JOB TO IDENTIFY THE 1,154 COUNTY
2 FACILITIES, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH, ONE-THIRD ARE OWNED BY
3 THE COUNTY AND THE OTHER SIDE IS RENTED BY THE COUNTY. AND MY
4 CONCERN HERE IS THAT A.E.C.O.M. IS TAKING A LOT OF COUNTY
5 MONEY. AND I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE MEMO THAT MR. FUJIOKA
6 PUBLISHED, ATTACHED TO THE ITEM LAST WEEK. THESE ARE ABOUT 14
7 NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING. INCLUDED IN THAT SUMMARY OF
8 HOW THEY WERE GOING TO BE SPENDING OUT SOME OF THIS SCOPING
9 MONEY, THEY IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE BIG 11-1/2 MONTH JOBS IS
10 GOING TO BE WORKING ON C.E.Q.A. BUT MR. FUJIOKA ALSO ANNOUNCED
11 THAT THIS PROJECT WAS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. SO IT MADE ME
12 WONDER, WOW, 11-1/2 MONTHS OF TELLING US THAT WE'RE EXEMPT
13 WORRIES ME. AND THEN I LOOK CLOSELY AND APPARENTLY J.F.A., FOR
14 THOSE OF US WHO ARE FOLLOWING THE JAMES AUSTIN ORGANIZATION,
15 AT LEAST IT LOOKED LIKE THAT, THEY GOT TWO GUYS, JAMES
16 FARBSTAIN AND MISS EPPERLY, BOTH OF WHOM ARE IMMEDIATELY
17 SOURCED TO-- I MEAN, FARBSTAIN WROTE A BOOK IN 1986 ABOUT
18 PRISON TECHNOLOGY SO I CAN'T SEE HOW THAT'S THE GUY WE WANT.
19 AND EPPERLY WAS FROM C.D.C.R., WITH MCDONALD, IN CHARGE OF
20 MENTAL HEALTH. I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO IMPORT C.D.C.R. MENTAL
21 HEALTH TECHNOLOGY INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME,
22 CERTAINLY, SO I WOULD LOOK VERY, VERY CLOSELY AT THAT. ITEM
23 NO. 11 DOESN'T MATCH UP WITH ITEM 8 FROM LAST WEEK. IT'S A
24 \$6.8 MILLION FOR THE O.I.G. THEY ARE GETTING A SHOOTING
25 SIMULATOR OVER AT THE O.I.G.? NOW WHY WOULD THEY NEED A

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1 SHOOTING SIMULATOR AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL? I WAS
2 TRYING TO IMAGINE, WELL, MAYBE THEY WANT TO TRAIN? ARE THEY
3 DOING TRAINING OVER AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL? THIS
4 IS A D.A. WHO'S HIRING 37 STAFF MEMBERS. I DON'T GET IT, I
5 DON'T GET IT. THE LAST ITEM THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADDRESS
6 TODAY IS ITEM NO 28, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S WORTH SAYING. THIS
7 IS A CASE, A LAW CASE WE'RE SETTTLING. WE SPENT OVER \$900,000
8 ON ATTORNEY COSTS AND FEES AND WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT NEW
9 REPORT AND YET \$500,000 TO SETTLE. YOU GOT ME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
14 I DID HOLD MULTIPLE ITEMS. I'M ONLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT A FEW.
15 FIRST OF ALL C.S.-3, CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I HAVE
16 ONE. THIS IS FROM MARCH 27, 2014. "EX-LAWYER GETS 10 YEARS FOR
17 STEALING FROM METRO." HE WOULD BE PERFECT. NOT ONLY WOULD YOU
18 BE HIRING A LAWYER WHO'S STEALING FROM METRO, HOW BAD A LAWYER
19 COULD YOU BE IF YOU GET CAUGHT STEALING FROM METRO WITH THOSE
20 CRIMINALS? BUT YOU'D BE ABLE TO REHAB THEM AS PART OF A.B.109.
21 EARLY RELEASE, GET HIM A JOB. HE COULD SIT HERE LIKE A BAG OF
22 ROCKS LIKE THE PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNSELS HAVE. AND HE WOULD BE
23 PERFECT. THIEVES AMONG THIEVES. I HELD ITEM 35. IT'S ABOUT
24 EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION, ORDINANCE POSITIONS, NUMBERS OF
25 POSITIONS INCLUDES 16 DEPARTMENTS, ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND

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1 CHANGING SALARIES. NOW, FOR THE BOARD TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE
2 BEEN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUT NOT GIVING ANY PAY RAISES AND
3 YET A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WE HEARD SUPERVISOR MOLINA TALK
4 ABOUT THE PAY GRADES FOR SOMEBODY FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM
5 OF ART, HOW IT WAS OUR LEVEL GOING TO SOME OTHER LEVEL. BY THE
6 WAY, WHAT'S A Z LEVEL WORTH? THOSE ARE ALL SALARIES THAT ARE
7 GETTING INCREASES. 16 DEPARTMENTS IN THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA.
8 THAT'S LIKE HOW MANY EMPLOYEES? IT DOESN'T SAY. BUT THAT'S 16
9 DEPARTMENTS. OUT OF 42. THAT'S QUITE A BIT. AND NOTHING FROM
10 THE BOARD. I HELD ITEM 33. IT DEALS WITH TWO CHANGES OF
11 ORDINANCES. TITLE 2 DEALS WITH CHANGING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
12 LANGUAGE FOR THE OMBUDSMAN. YOU'RE ELIMINATING THE OMBUDSMAN.
13 AND TITLE 6 DEALS WITH SALARIES, SALARY LANGUAGE FOR THE
14 INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU'RE CREATING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. IS
15 THIS WHERE HE GETS THE POWER TO DEAL WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
16 FROM THE SALARY? OH, NO, WAIT. THAT'S WHAT I READ IN THE
17 NEWSPAPER WHERE IT SAYS HE HAS A CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
18 BOARD. THAT'S A B.F.D. SO, WHEN EXACTLY DOES HE GET THE
19 EMPOWER THAT HE TALKED ABOUT WHEN HE WAS FIRST INTERVIEWED AND
20 HE WAS PICKED FOR THE JOB, THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU WERE WORKING
21 ON THAT WOULD AMEND THE LANGUAGE AND ALLOW HIM TO GET THE
22 INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF THAT HE WOULD NEED FOR THE
23 INVESTIGATIONS? I HELD ITEM 26. THAT DEALS-- CHIEF PROBATION
24 OFFICER IS GOING TO EXECUTE AN OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
25 STATE REGIONAL CENTERS, CONTRACTED REGIONAL CENTERS THAT

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1 COVERS D.C.F.S. AND MENTAL HEALTH. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WHY
2 IS HE SIGNING CONTRACTS FOR D.C.F.S. AND MENTAL HEALTH? THAT'S
3 THE BOARD DOING ITS MAGIC.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. COULD YOU READ THOSE ITEMS OFF,
10 PLEASE? I BELIEVE IT'S 1, 11, 16, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ACTUALLY THERE'S SOME OTHER
13 SPEAKERS ON A FEW OF THOSE OTHER ITEMS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON WHICH ITEMS?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** LET ME JUST GO THROUGH THIS LIST.
18 IT WOULD BE ITEM NO.--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT 6, 7 AND 10 I'M NOT COUNTING.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** LET ME JUST READ THESE. IT'S ITEM
23 NO. 1, THERE'S SOME ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS ON THAT ITEM. ITEM NO.
24 11 IS BEFORE YOU. ITEM NO. 16, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34 AND 35.
25 THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THOSE WILL BE HEARD IN CLOSED
5 SESSION. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THEM WHEN THEY WERE
6 CALLED UP.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
10 SO ORDERED. OKAY. LORI MARTIN ON ITEM NO. 1? MELINDA WAITE, IF
11 YOU WANT TO JOIN US, AS WELL.

12

13 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN. I'M FROM
14 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. AND THE TRANSITIONAL TEAM FROM THE OFFICE OF
15 CHILD PROTECTION. RICHARD MARTINEZ APPOINTMENT BY SUPERVISOR
16 MOLINA. CONVENIENT SINCE MY FRIEND SUNSHINE GARCIA WAS
17 RECENTLY IN A VERY BAD ACCIDENT, DARN. I'M SURE MISS MOLINA
18 KNOWS EXACTLY WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I WAS
19 SUPPOSED TO BE APOLOGIZING TO YOU THIS MORNING, BUT THERE'S A
20 BIG IF THERE. IF WE GO THROUGH DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS BY
21 ASSUMED ALLEGATIONS UNTIL YOU PROVE OTHERWISE, I'M ASSUMING
22 THAT YOU AND JUDGE PELLMAN HAD SOME ENCOUNTER BEFORE THE
23 DETAINMENT OF MY SON. THE TRANSITIONAL TEAM FOR OFFICE OF
24 CHILD PROTECTION, THERE'S REALLY NOT MUCH HERE. WHERE IS THE
25 REPORT? TODAY, FROM FOSTERING MEDIA CONNECTIONS, I BELIEVE WE

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1 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PRESENTED A FULL REPORT, WERE WE NOT?
2 WHERE IS IT? YOU CAN'T FIND IT ONLINE. YOU CAN'T FIND IT IN
3 YOUR WEBSITE. SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHY IT IS THAT ARTICLES
4 ARE PUBLICIZING THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS FINALLY
5 READ TO US FROM THE B.R.C. AND IT'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND ON
6 THIS AGENDA TODAY. I PAY GOOD ATTENTION. I DO A LOT OF
7 RESEARCH. I'M NOT YOUR AVERAGE YOUNG LADY NOR CAN YOU JUDGE A
8 BOOK BY ITS COVER AND THE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE IS
9 LIKE THE SEVEN SEAS. SO ARE MY CONNECTIONS. AND I'M NOT AFRAID
10 TO CALL THEM IN. THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T
13 KNOW WHO JUDGE PELLMAN IS, NOR HAVE I EVER HAD A CONVERSATION
14 ABOUT HER CASE OR ANY OTHER CASES WITH ANY JUDGE.

15

16 **LORI MARTIN:** [INAUDIBLE]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT? JUST FORWARD IT TO
19 ME. BUT I JUST THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE TRUTHFUL--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE THESE THINGS TEND TO TAKE ON A LIFE
24 OF THEIR OWN. SO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

2

3 **MELINDA WAITE:** WELL, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WE HEAR THAT YOU'RE A
4 GOOD GUY FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SHOULD STOP RIGHT THERE. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **MELINDA WAITE:** OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME CORRECT THAT. I KNOW HIM.

11 [LAUGHTER.]

12

13 **MELINDA WAITE:** AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW AND I TRUST.
14 SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD FOR THEM, FOR YOU TO PROVE THEM RIGHT.
15 ALL OF D.C.F.S. IS RUN-- OR MUCH OF D.C.F.S. IS RUN ON
16 ALLEGATIONS. AND THERE ARE LOTS OF ALLEGATIONS FLYING AROUND.
17 AND YET FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAVE NOTHING ELSE. CASE IN
18 POINT, THE RODIKA MOODY CASE. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN WHO WERE
19 REMOVED FROM HER AND SHE GOT ONLY ONE BACK. WHY IS THAT? 10-
20 YEAR-OLDS WERE PLAYING AND TELLING JOKES THEY HEARD ON THE
21 COMEDY NETWORK. THEY WERE RACIST JOKES. THEY WERE UNTOWARD,
22 NOT UNCOMMON IN TODAY'S MEDIA-DRIVEN SOCIETY. A TEACHER TOOK
23 UMBRAGE AGAINST ONE BOY WHO TOLD THE MOST EGREGIOUS JOKES AND
24 D.C.F.S. GOT WIND OF IT.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU HELD ITEM-- NOT TO BE
2 DISRESPECTFUL. THESE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS UNDER THE PUBLIC
3 COMMENT THAT WE'LL CALL LATER. YOU HELD ITEM NO. 1 AND THAT'S
4 WHAT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT, AND 1-D. BUT THERE'S NO RELATIONSHIP
5 TO YOUR TESTIMONY NOW. IT'S A PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH YOU CAN
6 MAKE LATER IN THE MEETING. BUT YOU HELD 1 AND 1-D. SO WHAT IS
7 YOUR ISSUE ON 1 AND 1-D?

8

9 **MELINDA WAITE:** LORI WAS JUST HERE DISCUSSING FALSE ALLEGATIONS
10 AND SO I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP, ALL RIGHT? YOU LISTENED TO HER.
11 NOW I HOPE YOU'LL LISTEN TO ME. WHEN CHILDREN ARE STRIPPED
12 FROM HOMES BASED ON FALSE, I MEAN VAGUE ALLEGATIONS WRITTEN BY
13 SOCIAL WORKERS AND THEIR AND/OR THEIR SUPERIORS OR OTHER
14 WRITERS WHO ARE ON STAFF TO TWIST WORDS AND REMOVE CHILDREN
15 FROM HOMES, WE'VE GOT-- WE'RE DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS THAT
16 ARE EXTREMELY VAGUE AND PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR CHILDREN OVER
17 THIS. I'LL COME BACK DURING PUBLIC-- I'M A LITTLE FRAZZLED
18 NOW. I GOT INTERRUPTED. BUT NEVERTHELESS, I'LL BE BACK AND
19 I'LL FINISH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ITEM 1 AND 1-D IS
22 BEFORE. US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL
23 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 1-H, ALEXANDER BLAYNE.
24 YES, SIR. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

25

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1 **ALEXANDER BLAYNE:** YES, I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR THE HONOR AND
2 PRIVILEGE AND THANK GOD FOR SEEING YOU ALL HAVE AND I THANK
3 GOD FOR MY BROTHER MIKE ANTONOVICH OF MY PASTOR FRIEND AND
4 PASTOR WILLIAM TURNER. I'D LIKE TO SAY I THANK GOD FOR THE
5 PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE AND TO SEE ALL Y'ALL AND SAY THANK YOU
6 Y'ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVING THESE MEETINGS BECAUSE I
7 LISTEN TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT SAID, DO WHAT YOU CAN WITH WHAT
8 YOU HAVE. SO WITH THAT POINT, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
9 ALL Y'ALL. AND IT'S A BLESSING TO SEE Y'ALL TO THIS DAY. AND
10 I'LL LEAVE YOU ALL, WITH ALL THIS SAYING, THIS IS THE DAY THE
11 LORD HATH MADE. WE ALL NEED TO REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.
12 AMEN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT 1-H, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE
16 THE ORDER.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON NO. 37-A, CAN I
19 ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON THAT ITEM? THANK YOU. AND
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM TWO WEEKS,
21 INSTEAD, TO AUGUST 26TH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST
24 26TH.

25

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME? I UNDERSTAND THAT. WE'LL CALL THE ITEMS
4 UP WHEN THEY GET THERE. WE GOT YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ALL
5 RIGHT. WE BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 6, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I'D ASK GENEVIEVE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
7 ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN TO JOIN US.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** 6, CORRECT?

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 6.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, BUT DID I--? OKAY, IS THAT A SPECIAL HEAR--
14 HI, ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IS THIS
15 A SPECIAL HEARING ITEM OR?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. IT IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE
18 BOARD. I DIDN'T CALL YOU UP FOR ITEM 6 ON THE FIRST MULTIPLE
19 ITEMS. YOU SPOKE A LOT, THAT WAS YOUR CHOICE.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M DELIGHTED. I'M DELIGHTED I SPOKE ABOUT IT.
22 YOU PROBABLY WERE NOT LISTENING, BUT IT WAS ITEM 2 LAST WEEK
23 AND IT IS A VERY INTERESTING ITEM. SUBSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE
24 PRODUCED THE FISCAL POLICIES SO MAYBE I WILL TAKE MY TIME TO
25 READ ITEM NO. 6 OF THOSE FISCAL POLICIES, WHICH SAYS TO ALL

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1 FUTURE SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LISTEN CLOSELY, REQUIRES A 4/5
2 VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE FOLLOWING: ANY
3 REVISIONS TO THE BOARD'S BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICIES. THAT'S
4 THIS DOCUMENT. AND LABOR AGREEMENTS IMPACTING SALARIES AND
5 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COST INCREASES. SO I GUESS THE ENTIRE COUNTY
6 FAMILY SHOULD TAKE NOTE THAT THEY'LL NEED 4 SUPERVISORIAL
7 VOTES TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY IN FRONT OF THE
8 CONSTITUENT PUBLIC AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. I FIND THAT A VERY
9 HIGH STANDARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THAT. I'M A
10 LITTLE CONCERNED. THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE OF
11 INTEREST, AS WELL. I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS WAS NOT PROVIDED
12 IMMEDIATELY WHEN I FIRST SAT DOWN TO SPEAK BECAUSE I FELT THAT
13 THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CLEARLY AWARE OF THIS. AND I THINK THAT
14 THE OTHER CANDIDATES SHOULD ALSO-- AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I
15 HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS. THE OTHER ISSUES MAYBE THE PUBLIC
16 WOULD BE INTERESTED THAT HAS TO DEAL WITH USING ALL THE FUTURE
17 C.R.A. ASSETS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE,
18 LOW INCOME HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND/OR CRITICAL
19 CAPITAL PROJECTS. I GUESS CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS BEING AN
20 UNDERLINED NUMBER BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY FOR THIS BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, AS MR. FUJIOKA SKILLFULLY TEASED OUT OVER A
22 NUMBER OF YEARS, TO MANIPULATE WHEN THAT INFORMATION COMES
23 FORWARD AND THEN THE PUBLIC HAS VERY LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO
24 WEIGH IN ON THE CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM. I KNOW PERSONALLY
25 FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE I TRIED. I ASKED MANY

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1 TIMES. THERE'S A LONG TRAIL OF RECORDS ASKING ABOUT CAPITAL
2 PROJECT NEEDS, AND THEN BANG, \$2.5 BILLION OR \$2.1 BILLION
3 JAIL PROJECT AND IT'S READY TO ROLL. SO I WOULD SAY DELAY THIS
4 AND DISCUSS IT AMONGST THE NEXT WAVE OF SUPERVISORS. I KNOW
5 MS. SOLIS AND EITHER MS. KUEHL OR MR. SHRIVER WOULD BE
6 INTERESTED. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE THEY APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING ON
9 THEIR BEHALF. NEXT?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN ARNOLD SACHS.
12 AND THIS ITEM ACTUALLY IS, I BELIEVE, YOU COULD ALMOST LOOK AT
13 THIS AND SAY-- I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA REFERS TO THIS
14 AS A SILO, THAT THE BOARD HAS THESE BUDGET PRIORITIES AND
15 THESE PROGRAMS TO KEEP, MAINTAIN POLICIES; YET WHEN THEY
16 BECOME MEMBERS OF ANOTHER BOARD, LIKE METRO, OUT THE WINDOW.
17 NO MORE POLICIES. NO MORE CONSTRAINTS. YOU KNOW, NEXT MONTH, I
18 BELIEVE, METRO IS GOING TO HAVE A \$40 FARE INCREASE FOR THEIR
19 EASY PASS. AND YET THIS BOARD, WHO SITS ON METRO, MAKES
20 POLICIES, PUSHED FOR MEASURE R, \$1.3 BILLION SALES TAX
21 REVENUE, FISCAL POLICIES.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE, THIS IS NOT AN M.T.A. ISSUE.
24 THIS IS NOT AN M.T.A. ISSUE.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS AN M.T.A. ISSUE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 6, PLEASE. STAY ON
4 TARGET.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOUR FISCAL POLICIES REMAIN IN THIS ROOM. BUT
7 YOUR POWERS DON'T. OKAY? THAT'S THE SILO THAT SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA MENTIONED WHEN SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT SOME OTHER
9 PROJECT, WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE WAS YAPPING ABOUT, BUT SHE TALKED
10 ABOUT IT. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. YOU BRING UP SILOS AND THEN YOU
11 DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS IT. I'M BRINGING UP A POINT. YOU HAVE
12 FISCAL POLICIES FOR THE COUNTY. METRO HAS A 3, 4, 5-- \$3
13 BILLION DEBT PROGRAM ALREADY. \$4 BILLION IN SALES TAX
14 ACCORDING TO THE BOARD. YET THEY NEED MORE MONEY. THAT'S SOME
15 FISCAL POLICY. WHY CAN'T YOU USE THE FISCAL POLICY HERE THAT
16 YOU USED THERE?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK BOB SCHOONOVER, LISA
19 PAYNE AND ANDREA ISRAEL TO JOIN US, PLEASE? GENEVIEVE?

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
22 ACTUALLY I AM NOT SIGNED FOR NO. 6.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T. IF YOU WANT TO COME
25 BACK, I'LL CALL YOU ON 7 AND I'LL CALL YOU ON 10.

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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'LL BE GLAD TO SPEAK ON 37-A.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NOT AT THIS POINT?

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WHY NOT? IT WAS ON THE AGENDA.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME? IT WAS CONTINUED. IT WAS
9 CONTINUED.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BUT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO IT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED YOU ON ITEM 7 AND 10. IF YOU
14 WANT TO COME BACK FOR THAT, THAT'S FINE. I'LL CALL YOU
15 INDIVIDUALLY ON EACH ONE. DO YOU WANT TO STAY THERE, THAT'S
16 FINE, TOO. 7'S RIGHT AFTER THIS, OKAY? OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD
17 LIKE TO GO NEXT. BOB, LISA OR ANDREA?

18

19 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** GOOD MORNING. YOU KNOW, I'M HERE TODAY FIRST I
20 WANT TO START BY THANKING EVERYBODY HERE AS I'VE DONE BEFORE
21 FOR HELPING GUIDE US THROUGH THIS HUGE FINANCIAL CRISIS WE'VE
22 HAD SINCE 2007. IT WAS THROUGH YOUR GUIDANCE AND COOPERATION
23 FROM LABOR THAT WE MADE IT THROUGH HERE AND I WANT TO MAKE
24 NOTE OF THAT. BUT ITEM NO. 6, I HAD SOME FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES
25 WITH. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A GREAT COUNTRY. IT'S BUILT ON

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1 GOVERNANCE BY MAJORITY. AND, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IN ELECTIONS
2 WE DISAGREE WITH THE OUTCOME. WE HAVE DOUBTS ON WHERE THINGS
3 ARE GOING. BUT THAT'S HOW THIS COUNTRY WAS DESIGNED AND THAT'S
4 HOW IT WORKS. NOW, WITH THAT BEING SAID, YOU KNOW, I
5 UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES ELECTED BODIES HOLD HIGHER STANDARDS FOR
6 SOME ITEMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE STANDARD
7 HERE WOULD BE 80 PERCENT, LET'S UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S REALLY
8 EXTRAORDINARY. THAT'S REALLY EXTRAORDINARY. AND TO BIND A
9 FUTURE BOARD TO 80 PERCENT? MAKE A MAJORITY GET VETOED BY THE
10 MINORITY IS REALLY AN EXTREME CASE. I THINK WE REALLY HAVE TO
11 EXAMINE THIS, THINK ABOUT THIS, HAVE A LITTLE FAITH IN THE
12 VOTERS THAT ELECT PEOPLE TO THIS BODY, THINK HOW YOU WOULD
13 FEEL IF YOU WERE COMING INTO THIS BOARD AND THIS POLICY WAS
14 BEING ADOPTED BEFORE YOU GOT HERE, WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE WOULD
15 THAT SEND TO YOU AS A NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER, OKAY? IT'S
16 NOT REALLY SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE NEED. I DON'T THINK IT'S
17 GOING TO FURTHER THE RELATIONSHIP. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO
18 IMPROVE THINGS. I THINK WE HAVE TO TRUST IN THE OUTCOME OF
19 ELECTIONS AND GO FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS. AND IT'LL WORK. IT
20 WILL WORK. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ADOPT EXTRAORDINARY
21 MEASURES, OKAY? THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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1 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR
2 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING.
3 WE'RE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS WHO
4 BUILD RENTAL HOMES FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS, FOR VETERANS,
5 FOR FAMILIES MAKING UP ABOUT \$45,000 A YEAR AND OWNERSHIP OF
6 HOMES FOR FAMILIES MAKING UP TO ABOUT \$75,000 A YEAR. SO THAT
7 WE HEARD TESTIMONY ABOUT DR. FIELDING AND WHAT HE DID WHEN
8 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CAME UP TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. AND
9 THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN L.A. COUNTY IN THE LAST FEW
10 YEARS. L.A. COUNTY HAS SUFFERED FROM 80 PERCENT CUT IN FUNDING
11 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THIS AT A TIME WHEN HALF A MILLION
12 FAMILIES LACK AN AFFORDABLE HOME? WHEN WE HAVE BEEN CALLED THE
13 OVERCROWDED EPICENTER OF THE COUNTRY BY THE L.A. TIMES. AND
14 WHEN THERE ARE AT LEAST 40,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS.
15 WHAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE AS A BOARD AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR
16 COUNTY WORKERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS IS TAKE BIG PROBLEMS AND
17 EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THE BEST
18 SOLUTIONS AT THE TIME TO ADDRESS THESE SITUATIONS. WHAT YOU'RE
19 DOING HERE IS TAKE A-- LOOKING AHEAD AT WHAT'S COMING UP AND
20 SETTING THE SOLUTION NOW. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWING FUTURE BOARDS
21 TO DO THE SAME THING: TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION. YES, WE'VE GOT
22 TO FIGURE OUT A DEBT SERVICE STRATEGY. YES, WE'VE GOT THE
23 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FILL THIS \$250 MILLION GAP IN AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING FUNDS THAT WAS LEFT BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE
25 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. YES, WE HAVE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT MAY

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1 COME UP. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWING THE FUTURE BOARD TO SAY: HERE
2 ARE THE POSSIBLE FUNDING REVENUE-GENERATING WAYS TO DO THIS.
3 HERE ARE THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. LET'S PICK THE BEST ONE. I
4 URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION, ESPECIALLY WITH THE 4/5S
5 REQUIREMENT TO OVERTURN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, KARL LAUFF AND
8 BEN ROSEN AND NINA KIHLMAN IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. AND ADAM
9 COWING WILL BE THE LAST FOUR SPEAKERS. GO AHEAD, MAM.

10

11 **ANDREA ISRAEL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
12 IS ANDIE ISRAEL AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING
13 TRUST. WE ARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS AND AND WE
14 SPECIALIZE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,
15 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS AND CHRONICALLY
16 HOMELESS POPULATIONS. I'M CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT
17 IS IN CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL PROVIDE 52 NEW UNITS OF PERMANENT
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO HOMELESS AND CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
19 INDIVIDUALS AND VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. AND THIS IS SKID
20 ROW HOUSING TRUST'S FIRST BUILDING THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF
21 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE TRYING TO EXPAND GEOGRAPHICALLY
22 AND TO DIVERSIFY OUR POPULATION WITHIN THE HOMELESS
23 POPULATION. WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HEALTH SERVICES TO HOUSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FREQUENT
25 UTILIZERS OF E-PUBLIC COUNTY FACILITIES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY

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1 ROOMS AND JAILS AND SHELTERS. AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
2 PARTNERSHIP AND THIS NEW PROJECT. HOWEVER, THIS BUILDING WILL
3 ONLY PRODUCE 52 NEW UNITS. AND IT'S CURRENTLY ESTIMATED THAT
4 THERE ARE MORE THAN 40,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY AND 1/9 OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE VETERANS. SO I WANTED TO
6 SAY THANK YOU FOR THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF FUTURE TAX
7 INCREMENT DOLLARS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOWEVER, 40,000
8 PEOPLE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THIS IS A VERY
9 LARGE NUMBER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO BUILD MORE
10 BUILDINGS, BUT THE POTS OF FUNDS ARE DISAPPEARING. SO I WOULD
11 LIKE TO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO OPPOSE THESE SPECIFIC
12 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE REMAINING TAX INCREMENT DOLLARS AND SET
13 ASIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **KARL LAUFF:** HI, I'M KARL LAUFF WITH ABODE COMMUNITIES. WE ARE
18 ALSO A NONPROFIT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER, OWNER,
19 PROPERTY MANAGER AND ARCHITECTURE FIRM. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR PREVIOUS ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO
21 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH SOME OF THIS
22 FUNDING, WE'VE PRODUCED HUNDREDS OF HOMES OURSELVES, IN
23 ADDITION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PRODUCED MANY MORE
24 HOMES IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THESE HOMES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO
25 ADDRESS THE NEED THAT EXISTS IN THE COUNTY. THE NEED IS GREAT.

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1 THE SHORTFALL IN THE COUNTY IS OVER-- IS APPROXIMATELY 500,000
2 AFFORDABLE HOMES. WE'VE RECENTLY DEVELOPED A MULTI-FAMILY
3 BUILDING IN ROSITA IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, A 77 APARTMENT
4 HOME COMMUNITY. WE HAD 1200 APPLICANTS FOR THOSE 77 HOMES.
5 THAT'S OVER 15 APPLICANTS PER HOME. THESE APPLICANTS ARE
6 SECRETARIES, TEACHERS, PARAMEDICS. THEY'RE WORKING PEOPLE WHO
7 WE WANT TO SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IN LIGHT OF THIS
8 CONSIDERATION, I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER ITEM 6
9 ON THE AGENDA, PARTICULARLY POINTS 5 AND 6 OF THE FISCAL
10 POLICY. I'D URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE A MORE HOLISTIC VIEW WHEN
11 CONSIDERING HOW TO MAKE USE OF FUTURE TAX INCREMENT FUNDS AND
12 ALSO NOT BIND FUTURE BOARDS TO SUCH A HIGH STANDARD OF A 4-5
13 VOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **BEN ROSEN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BEN ROSEN. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF
18 OF MERCY HOUSING. WE ARE A NONPROFIT DEVELOPER AND MANAGER AND
19 SERVICE PROVIDER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WANT TO THANK THE
20 BOARD FOR THEIR PREVIOUS ALLOCATION OF FUTURE R.D.A. TAX
21 INCREMENT FUNDS. AND I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE
22 LOCKING THOSE FUNDS IN FOR UNNAMED-- FOR DEBT SERVICING
23 UNNAMED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE. WE RECENTLY
24 COMPLETED A 41-UNIT DEVELOPMENT CALLED EL MONTE VETERANS'
25 VILLAGE IN EL MONTE WHICH NOW HOUSES 40 FORMERLY CHRONIC

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1 HOMELESS VETERANS. WITHIN ABOUT THREE WEEKS OF US OPENING THE
2 APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT, WE HAD OVER 200
3 APPLICATIONS FROM HOMELESS VETERANS. SO CLEARLY THERE IS A
4 SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS, FOR
5 HOMELESS VETERANS AND FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND SENIORS. SO
6 I JUST WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE ITEM NO. 6 AND ALLOW A
7 DISCUSSION AND LOOK INTO USING THE FUTURE R.D.A. TAX INCREMENT
8 FUNDS TO PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
9 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **NINA KIHLMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NINA. I'M HERE ON
12 BEHALF OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK
13 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU AND TO ALSO OPPOSE
14 THIS MOTION. I WANT TO ECHO MS. LISA PAYNE AND THE OTHER
15 SPEAKERS ON THIS ISSUE. AND WITH 30 YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS, HOME
17 MATTERS. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT HOME
18 MATTERS. MY QUESTION TO YOU THIS MORNING IS: DOES HOME MATTER
19 TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY? TO YOUR MOTHER? TO YOUR FATHER? TO
20 YOUR CHILDREN? TO YOUR NEIGHBORS? HOME MATTERS. AND AS MR.
21 JONATHAN FIELDING WAS SAYING THIS MORNING, HOME IS CONNECTED
22 TO YOUR HEALTH, TO EDUCATION, TO HOW OUR CITIES ARE GROWING OR
23 PROSPERING. AND SO PLEASE, AS THE OTHER SPEAKERS WERE SAYING,
24 TAKE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

3

4 **ADAM COWLING:** MY NAME IS ADAM COWING. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT
5 PUBLIC COUNSEL. WE REPRESENT LOW INCOME CLIENTS IN L.A.
6 COUNTY. WE ALSO REPRESENT LOCAL NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
7 PROVIDERS WHO BUILD HOUSING FOR OUR CLIENTS. I WANT TO THANK
8 THE BOARD FOR PREVIOUSLY COMMITTING ABOUT 18 MILLION A YEAR
9 FOR FIVE YEARS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS VITAL TO OUR
10 CLIENTS. BUT I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE MOTION
11 WHICH COMMITS ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF TAX INCREMENT THAT FORMERLY
12 WENT TO REDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT MAKING THE SAME COMMITMENT TO
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS WE ALL KNOW, L.A.'S ONE OF THE LEAST
14 AFFORDABLE AREAS IN THE NATION. THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING
15 PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION ESTIMATES A SHORTFALL OF NEARLY HALF A
16 MILLION HOMES AFFORDABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. TENS OF
17 THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT AS YOU KNOW AND MANY
18 OF THESE PEOPLE ARE VETERANS, AS YOU ALSO KNOW. AFFORDABLE
19 HOUSING DOESN'T JUST GIVE THESE PEOPLE A PLACE TO LIVE; IT
20 ALSO INVESTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IT CAN CHANGE
21 NEIGHBORHOODS. AS NOTED BY DR. FIELDING EARLIER THIS MORNING,
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN ALSO DRASTICALLY IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH
23 OUTCOMES. IT CAN SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG TERM. REDEVELOPMENT
24 FUNDS PROVIDE VITAL FINANCING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS
25 MOTION WOULD COMMIT ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF TAX INCREMENT THAT

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1 FORMERLY WENT TO REDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT MAKING THE SAME
2 COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT'S WHY WE'RE URGING YOU
3 TO OPPOSE THE MOTION AND RECONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY.
4 AND THEN THE LAST THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT THE
5 MOTION RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE. THE
6 PROPOSED POLICIES WOULD REQUIRE A 4/5-VOTE FOR REVISION. THIS
7 SEEMS TO LOCK IN THE POLICIES AND REMOVE POWER FROM FUTURE
8 SUPERVISORS, MAKING IT HARDER FOR THE BOARD TO RESPOND TO
9 PUBLIC PRIORITIES IN THE FUTURE. THIS REALLY RAISES CONCERNS
10 FOR US. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PATRICK O'ROURKE? I JUST HAVE
13 PATRICK O'ROURKE AND THAT IS IT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S NOT
14 HERE. NOT HERE? OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT. I'D LIKE TO ADD ON
17 ITEM NO. 7 TO THIS THAT WOULD BE, UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE
18 BOARD, EXEMPT BOARD ADOPTED CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS' POLICY MANUAL ON BUDGET POLICIES AND PRIORITIES,
20 WHICH IS POLICY NO. 4.030 FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW AND
21 REMOVE ALL SUNSET DATES AND SUNSET REVIEW DATES ASSOCIATED
22 WITH THIS POLICY. THAT WOULD BE IN A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. LET
23 ME JUST SPEAK TO THE OVERALL POLICIES BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE
24 IMPORTANT. FIRST OF ALL, HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE MEMBERS WHO
25 SERVED HERE IN 1994 WHEN WE HAD AN UNBELIEVABLE BUDGET CRISIS,

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1 WHERE WE WERE HAVING A TOUGH TIME NOT ONLY KEEPING OUR
2 EMERGENCY ROOMS OPEN AND PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE
3 ALSO HAD TREMENDOUS PROBLEM IN MEETING SOME OF OUR NEEDS AND
4 RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATE-MANDATED PROGRAMS, WHETHER THEY BE
5 FOR OUR WELFARE RECIPIENTS OR OTHER MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES.
6 THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY. AND WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING AT
7 MANY OF THOSE ISSUES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THERE WAS
8 CERTAINLY A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT COULD BE TAKEN BY THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR EXPENDITURES IN HOW THINGS WERE BEING
10 ORGANIZED. SINCE THEN, I KNOW I HAVE BEEN A PART OF TRYING TO
11 CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT HERE WHERE WE HAVE A MUCH MORE SOLID
12 FOOTING ON ALL OF OUR FISCAL POLICIES AND THAT HAS BEEN JOINED
13 BY ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD, WHICH PROBABLY
14 PRESENTED ITSELF MORE APPROPRIATELY DURING THE LAST ECONOMIC
15 DOWNTURN. IN WHICH WE SAW STATE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS MANY
16 CITIES THROUGHOUT THIS REGION HAVING TO CUT BACK ON NOT ONLY
17 ITS SERVICES BUT ITS EMPLOYEES, HAVING TO FURLOUGH MANY AN
18 EMPLOYEE DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THIS COUNTY WENT THROUGH
19 AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WITH ALL OF THE DIGNITY THAT IT POSSIBLY
20 COULD TO ALL OF THE TAXPAYERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE DID
21 NOT FURLOUGH ANY EMPLOYEES. WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP ALL OF OUR
22 EMPLOYEES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WERE SIGNIFICANTLY ABLE TO
23 PROVIDE SERVICES IN ALL OF THE EMERGENCY-MANDATED AREAS THAT
24 WE HAD A DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO
25 CONTINUE MANY OF THE PROJECTS, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING,

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1 DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME WHEN EVERYONE ELSE WAS CUTTING
2 BACK. THERE HAVE BEEN ONGOING ISSUES AS WE LOOK AT OUR LABOR
3 COSTS AS WELL AS OUR PENSION COSTS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE
4 ARE FINDING A WAY TO EASE INTO THAT BURDEN EVERY SINGLE DAY
5 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BEING FAIR WITH OUR LABOR UNIONS AND
6 BEING-- CERTAINLY RESPONDING TO THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE
7 HAVE WITH OUR PENSION COSTS. THERE'S AN ARTICLE THIS MORNING
8 ABOUT THE ARIZONA PENSION COSTS AND THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE
9 HAVING THERE AND THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT THEY'RE
10 GOING TO NEED IN ORDER TO REPAIR WHAT'S GOING ON. CITIES RIGHT
11 NOW, FOR EVERY PAYCHECK THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING TO MANY OF ITS
12 EMPLOYEES, THEY HAVE TO PUT IN THE SAME CORRESPONDING NEED FOR
13 THEIR PENSION COSTS. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT TODAY. AND HOPEFULLY
14 WE'LL NEVER GET TO THAT POINT. BECAUSE WHAT THAT MEANS IS WHEN
15 YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT KIND OF A PAYMENT, YOU ARE CUTTING BACK
16 ON THE DIRECT SERVICES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES. I'M A BIG
17 SUPPORTER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I'VE BEEN A CHAMPION OF IT
18 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING SURE THAT
19 WHEN OUR C.R.A. MONEY WAS COMING BACK THAT THIS COUNTY WAS
20 MAKING AN UPFRONT COMMITMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I KNOW
21 THAT COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS ALSO ASKING
22 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO DEAL WITH THE SAME THING ON ECONOMIC
23 DEVELOPMENT. THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF COMMITMENTS THAT I THINK
24 THIS COUNTY HAS TO MAKE TO THE GENEROUS MONEY THAT IS COMING
25 BACK FROM MANY OF THE EXPENDITURES THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S

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1 C.R.A. HAVING SERVED ON SOME OF THOSE OVERSIGHT BOARDS, WHEN I
2 SEE HOW THE REDEVELOPMENT LAW AND POLICY WAS BEING ABUSED AND
3 MISUSED, I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THAT LAW ENDED.
4 UNFORTUNATELY, THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT WAS OUT OF IT WAS
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THAT ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE SET OF
6 FUNDS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD THAT THIS COUNTY IS GOING TO
7 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES TO THE ISSUES OF
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BUT THE HEALTH
9 AND THE FISCAL HEALTH OF THIS COUNTY IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
10 THING THAT IT MUST DO FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS IN PROVIDING
11 THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES. AND WE ARE DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER
12 MUNICIPALITY. BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
13 HEALTHCARE, THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND ALL OF THE SOCIAL NEEDS
14 AS WELL AS ALL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT ARE VITAL FOR THE
15 WELL-BEING OF THIS COUNTY. SO PUTTING IN PLACE A SET OF POLICY
16 GUIDELINES IS A VERY, VERY DRAMATIC MOVE. WE'VE BEEN OPERATING
17 UNDER THEM FOR THE MOST PART AS WE OPERATE OUR BOARD EVERY
18 SINGLE DAY. I THINK IT IS HISTORICALLY PROVEN TO BE VERY
19 EFFECTIVE. FIND A WAY TO PUT THEM IN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
20 WHAT WE'RE DOING EVERY SINGLE DAY I THINK IS THE KIND OF
21 LEADERSHIP THAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE. SO I'M VERY
22 PROUD TO SUPPORT THEM. I'D LIKE TO ADD MY AMENDMENT. AND I
23 LOOK FORWARD THAT ALL FUTURE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS ARE
24 GOING TO ENJOY BECAUSE I THINK TAXPAYERS AT THE END OF THE DAY
25 WANT TO HAVE A STABLE FISCAL POLICY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT

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1 IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW US TO GO THROUGH THE TURMOIL THAT WE
2 WENT THROUGH IN 1994.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.
5 THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT, AS
6 WELL?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS.
9 IT ESSENTIALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED BY
10 WAY OF THE MAIN MOTION AND SEEKS TO SUGGEST THAT THE
11 DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN
12 IMPACTED BY AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME OF WHAT WE
13 HAVE PAID ATTENTION TO FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF; THAT IS,
14 TO FRAME AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
15 POLICY THAT WOULD HIGHLIGHT FOUR KEY AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY. FOR
16 THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES HAVE BEEN
17 INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO BRING CONSENSUS. AND I'M PLEASED THAT
18 WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THAT PLACE. THE AMENDMENT TO 6, ESSENTIALLY
19 THE INITIAL STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ESSENTIALLY
21 WHAT I HAVE RAISED WITH YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND IT IS, I
22 BELIEVE, A GOOD THING FOR US WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING A
23 CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT FUND THAT COULD LEVERAGE PRIVATE
24 FINANCING AND ACCELERATE INVESTMENT IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED
25 COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING MIXED USE, TRANSIT-ORIENTED,

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1 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF
2 BUILDING A \$100 MILLION FUND, DEVELOPING A COORDINATED
3 APPROACH AND FINANCING STRATEGIES, SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OF
4 TRADE. THESE ARE ALL CONCEPTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT
5 LENGTH. IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS VERY TIMELY TO MOVE THIS FORWARD
6 IN THE CONTEXT AND AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION AS WE WERE TALKING
7 ABOUT FISCAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES AND I WOULD SO MOVE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT. SO WE'LL MAKE THAT ITEM NO. 8, THEN. YEAH, ZEV?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE THE WHOLE ITEM BEFORE
13 US, RIGHT?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK, YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
18 JUST ON THE MAIN MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE SPEAKER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT I WOULD JUST ADD TO THE AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING ADVOCATES, THIS BOARD ON A 5-0 VOTE JUST COMMITTED

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1 OVER \$75 MILLION FOR FIVE YEARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I
2 JUST THINK AS IT RELATES TO THE MOTION, IT'S A MISTAKE TO
3 CARVE OUT ONE PARTICULAR AREA OVER ANOTHER. AND IT'S REALLY
4 TYING NO ONE'S HAND BECAUSE IF A FUTURE BOARD WANTS TO WAIVE
5 THE FOUR-VOTE PIECE, THEY CAN TAKE THREE VOTES, A PARTICULAR
6 ITEM ON THREE-VOTE ITEM, THEY CAN WAIVE THE FOUR-VOTE POLICY.
7 SO NO ONE'S HANDS ARE REALLY GETTING TIED. DAVE GILLOTTE.
8 DAVE, YOU WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER.

9

10 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING. SORRY I'M LATE. I CAME HERE IN
11 PLACE OF BLAYNE MEEK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COALITION OF
12 UNIONS TO SPEAK FOR THE COUNTY COALITION OF UNIONS, OF WHICH I
13 AM A MEMBER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1014, L.A. COUNTY
14 FIREFIGHTERS. WE RISE TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL POLICIES THAT ARE
15 COMING BEFORE US HERE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'VE BEEN A
16 PARTNER WITH THE THREE-LEGGED STOOL OF THE CONSTITUENTS WE
17 REPRESENT, THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HERE AND OF COURSE THE LABOR
18 GROUPS THAT SERVE THOSE PEOPLE IN THE STREETS AND I THINK
19 QUITE EFFECTIVELY, AS ALL OF YOU HAVE POINTED OUT, WE'VE ALL
20 GIVEN AND WE'VE ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO COMPROMISE OVER THE
21 PAST FIVE YEARS, AND REALLY LONGER THAN THAT, BUT EXTREMELY SO
22 IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AS PARTNERS TO BRING FORWARD COMPROMISE
23 IN TERMS OF COMPROMISE ON ALL ISSUES RELATING TO BUDGET,
24 POLICY AND, IN FACT, LABOR CONTRACTS. AND I'M NOT SO CONCERNED
25 ABOUT THE LABOR CONTRACT ITEM, ALTHOUGH I AM IN ITEM NO. 6 AS

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1 THE SUB IN 6 OVERALL, BUT, REALLY, THE BUDGET ISSUES BECAUSE
2 THAT'S FOR THIS BOARD TO BATTLE OVER WHAT GETS APPROVED AND
3 DOESN'T GET APPROVED. BECAUSE MUCH LIKE THE CONGRESS, YOU GET
4 INTO PARTISAN STALEMATES THAT YOU CAN'T UNDO. AND THE GOOD OF
5 THE ORDER FOR ALL GOING FORWARD DOES GET HAMSTRUNG, TO SOME
6 EXTENT, WHEN YOU HAVE A PARTISAN 4-0 TYPE OF POLITICAL
7 LEVERAGING THAT CAN GO ON. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A VOTE ON
8 CONTRACTS THAT HASN'T BEEN 5-0 THAT I COULD FIND HISTORICALLY.
9 WE KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. WE WORK IT OUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS,
10 EVERYBODY. WE WORK VERY HARD TO COME TO COMPROMISE BUT AS A
11 PARTNER AS A MORE THAN JUST A LABOR VOICE TODAY, ON BEHALF OF
12 THE COALITION, WE THINK THIS IS KIND OF A SOUR PILL WITH THAT
13 IN THERE, STILL, TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE SAME VEIN. AND I WOULD
14 SUGGEST WE KEEP ITEM 6 OUT OF THERE IN THIS OVERALL POLICY AND
15 MOVE FORWARD LIKE WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST AS TRUE PARTNERS.
16 THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU ASKED ONE OF THE QUESTIONS
21 OR MADE THE ASSERTION THAT I WANTED TO CONFIRM. MAYBE I'LL ASK
22 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. THIS IS A POLICY. IT IS NOT BINDING ON A
23 FUTURE BOARD IF THAT FUTURE BOARD BY THREE VOTES TO CHANGE THE
24 POLICY, IS THAT CORRECT? OR IF THIS BOARD IN THE NEXT 3-1/2
25 MONTHS DECIDES TO CHANGE THE POLICY?

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2 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
3 YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THE BOARD CAN IMPOSE THE FOUR-VOTE
4 REQUIREMENT UPON ITSELF. HOWEVER THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN
5 THE FUTURE, EITHER NEXT WEEK OR WHEN DIFFERENT SUPERVISORS ARE
6 SEATED, IF THEY NO LONGER WANT THE POLICY, THEN THE MAJORITY
7 CAN UNDO THAT FOUR-VOTE REQUIREMENT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ANY GIVEN ITEM, IF THERE'S A STALEMATE
10 THAT CAN'T BE BROKEN THAT'S A 3-2 STALEMATE, SOMEBODY CAN MOVE
11 THAT THE POLICY BE SUSPENDED FOR THAT ITEM.

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** ABSOLUTELY, YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THIS
16 WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING. I'M NOT A FAN OF TWO-THIRDS OR FOUR-
17 FIFTHS IN THIS CASE BECAUSE FOUR-FIFTHS IS THE FIRST THRESHOLD
18 YOU GET TO AFTER 50 PERCENT WITH A FIVE-MEMBER BOARD. SO I'M
19 NOT A FAN OF GIVING PEOPLE ANYMORE LEVERAGE THAN THEY ALREADY
20 HAVE. BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT IF SOMEBODY-- IF SOME MEMBER OR
21 TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WOULD REQUIRE TWO TO TRY TO LEVERAGE
22 THE OTHER THREE AND IT WAS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE FOR THE OTHER
23 THREE, THE OTHER THREE COULD SIMPLY MOVE TO SUSPEND THE
24 POLICY. AND THEN VOTE ON IT ACCORDINGLY. I THINK THE VALUE OF
25 THIS MOTION THAT THE CHAIR HAS BROUGHT IN IS TO SET THE BAR

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1 REASONABLY HIGH. I THINK DAVE GILLOTTE SAID IT RIGHT ON THE
2 MONEY. WHAT HE SAID WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY, AND THAT IS THAT I
3 DON'T RECALL A LABOR CONTRACT CERTAINLY NOT IN THE LAST 10 OR
4 15 YEARS THAT WASN'T 4-1 OR 5-0. WE'VE ALWAYS WORKED THOSE
5 THINGS OUT WITH OUR NEGOTIATORS AND THE LABOR NEGOTIATORS. AND
6 THERE HAS BEEN A GENUINE PARTNERSHIP, I WOULD SAY, ESPECIALLY
7 SINCE THE 2000 CONTRACT WHICH WAS THE LAST ONE WHERE I THINK
8 THERE WAS A TRUST FACTOR. I THINK REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT THE
9 TRUST FACTOR WAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AFTER THAT BECAUSE WE
10 LIVED UP TO OUR WORD AND LABOR LIVED UP TO ITS WORD. AND IT
11 WAS A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS SERVED US WELL EVER SINCE AND
12 THAT'S BEEN OVER 14 YEARS. BUT I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
13 SAY, WHAT THE CHAIR IS TRYING TO SAY IN THIS MOTION IS WE
14 SHOULD STRIVE TO GET TO FIVE VOTES, AND NOT ONLY ON LABOR
15 CONTRACTS. THAT'S ONE OF HALF A DOZEN ITEMS IN THIS MOTION,
16 BUT ON ALL OF THESE MAJOR APPROPRIATIONS AND THE LIKE WHICH
17 ALSO TEND TO BE ALMOST IN EVERY CASE, NOT QUITE IN EVERY CASE,
18 UNANIMOUS. MOST OF WHAT WE DO HERE IS UNANIMOUS, BECAUSE IT'S
19 NOT-- MOST OF IT IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL. IN THE AREAS WHERE WE
20 DO HAVE CONTROVERSY, WE HAVE CONTROVERSY AND WE WORK IT OUT.
21 SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS DOES. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT A
22 MEASURE THAT LOCKED IN, SAY, IN ORDINANCE FORM OR IN CHARTER
23 FORM, SOMETHING THAT REQUIRED A 4/5 VOTE ON ANYTHING THAT
24 ISN'T REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THIS DOES NOT DO THAT. BUT I DO
25 THINK IT PUTS THIS BOARD FOR THE NEXT 3-1/2 MONTHS AND THE

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1 NEXT BOARD IN A POSITION WHERE I GUESS THEY'D BETTER HAVE-- IF
2 I WAS SITTING HERE, I'D WANT A VERY GOOD REASON TO SUSPEND THE
3 POLICY BEFORE DOING SO. AND SO WE COULD ACCOUNT TO THE PUBLIC,
4 TO OUR LABOR PARTNERS, TO OTHERS WHY WE SUSPENDED THE POLICY
5 AND JUST CAN'T BE A WILLY-NILLY THING. BUT MY BET IS THIS WILL
6 NEVER COME TO A HEAD. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY IT'S BEING
7 PERCEIVED BY SOME OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS. AND I HATE TO SEE
8 SOMETHING THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN
9 CREATED, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS NEEDS TO BE THAT. IT WILL
10 STILL ULTIMATELY TAKE THREE VOTES IF THERE'S A DEAD LOCK. IF
11 IT'S A HUNG JURY HERE, THREE VOTES WILL DETERMINE THE OUTCOME.
12 BUT AS I SAID, THAT'S NOT HAPPENED IN MY MEMORY. WHERE WE HAD
13 A CONTRACT GO ON A 3-2 VOTE. CERTAINLY NOT IN THE LAST DECADE
14 AND A HALF. AND IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN GOING FORWARD. SO WITH
15 THAT, I'M FINE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS
18 AMENDED YES?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE AMENDMENT, COULD WE ALSO INCLUDE THE
21 THINKING-- IN MY AREA, THERE ARE SOME INTERESTS IN FEE
22 HOLIDAYS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS COPE WITH THE BURDENS SO THAT
23 THEY WOULD EXPLORE THAT IN THE REPORT BACK.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. HIS AMENDMENT IS LOOKING AT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AND SAYING THIS IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS
5 THEY CAN EXPLORE WHEN THEY DO THEIR REPORT BACK TO US.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M FINE WITH THAT. REPORT BACK.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BUT I THINK THAT MORE COMES UNDER
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL. BUT I'M NOT SURE. BUT YOU WILL ACCEPT IT?
11 OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I RAISE ONE OTHER ISSUE RELATING TO THE
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS AMENDMENT? I'D LIKE TO-- IT CALLS FOR
15 CONTRACTING TO FIND A CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD DO THE ANALYSIS, I
16 BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE. COULD WE JUST HAVE AS PART OF THIS
17 MOTION, MAYBE JUST ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE
18 CONTRACT BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL WHEN IT'S DONE?
19 WHEN IT'S READY FOR PRIME TIME? RATHER THAN BE DELEGATED TO
20 ANYBODY?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT AND ALL THE AMENDMENTS AND ALL
2 THE CLARIFICATIONS, ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? THE CHAIR WILL
3 MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
4 ORDERED. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT IS ITEM NO. 7. GENEVIEVE?

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK IF ANY CHANGE CAN
8 HAPPEN TO THE SMALL BUSINESS, I'M TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THIS.
9 MYSELF, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I CONTACTED THE CONSUMER
10 AFFAIRS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I FIND THEM VERY
11 UNRESPONSIVE. SO I THINK IF WE CAN ADD A BETTER ELEMENT TO
12 HAVE THEM PERFORM BETTER, SURELY THAT SHOULD HELP. AND IF THEY
13 TOTALLY ARE A CONCIERGE FOR SMALL BUSINESS, I SEE IT AS A
14 POSITIVE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS?

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
19 DISTRICT 3. UNDER THIS NEW APPROACH IN A GROUP AND THEN AGAIN.
20 ITEM 7 HAS TO DO WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE WHICH I
21 THINK EVERYBODY WOULD AGREE, WE NEED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES
22 IN L.A. COUNTY. LAST WEEK AT THE PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR
23 KNABE INTRODUCED THE I.B.M. GUYS WHO WERE PICKING UP-- HAD
24 DONE SOME HELP FOR US IN THE CHILD-- I BELIEVE IT WAS CHILD
25 SUPPORT DEPARTMENT. THEY MADE AN APP THAT WAS VERY NICE. HIS

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1 SON IS A LOBBYIST FOR THAT FIRM. AND ITEM 5, THERE'S A HUGE
2 ITEM ABOUT DATA IN DOWNEY. AND THEY MADE A SPECIAL REPORT ON
3 THAT, TOO. AND GUESS WHAT? THE COUNTY COUNSEL--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 7.

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I KNOW. THIS IS ABOUT HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES.
8 I'M SAYING WE ARE FACILITATING FOR LARGE BUSINESSES MANY
9 DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES LIKE A.E.C.O.M. WHICH IS A VASTLY
10 GROWING FIRM BUT SMALL OUTFITS AND COMPANIES CONTRACTORS, WE
11 SAW IT, AS YOU ALL RECALL, IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE
12 SECTION WHERE THE SMALL GUYS WERE BEING FORCED TO AGGREGATE
13 INTO LARGER COMPANIES. WE SEE IT ACROSS THE COUNTY WHERE A
14 GROUP LIKE DIAMOND CONTRACT SERVICES WAS ALLOWED TO BLOAT
15 ITSELF ENORMOUSLY, TAKE ON HUGE CONTRACTS AND THEN THE ROACH
16 GOES OUT OF THE SHELL AND MOVES AND THAT WHOLE THING
17 COLLAPSES, COSTING THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS MONEY. THIS IS A VERY
18 LARGE COMPANY. SO I SUPPORT HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES GET A LEG
19 UP IN THE COUNTY AND THIS IS REALLY FOCUSED ON KIND OF A
20 CONCIERGE IDEA WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY COMING FROM THE RIGHT
21 PLACE. BUT THE QUESTION OF WHERE THAT CONCIERGE TO HELP SMALL
22 BUSINESSES NAVIGATE THE COUNTY SHOULD BE HOUSED IS VERY
23 IMPORTANT AND IT SHOULD NOT BE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S YOUR OFFICE. AND YOU HAVE
25 LOTS OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH CONTRACTS. SO IT SHOULD NOT JUST BE

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1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO FACILITATE SMALL DEALS FOR FRIENDS AND
2 OTHERS OR GOOD GROUPS WHO ARE NOT FRIENDS AND OTHERS. IT
3 SHOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT GROUP AND CONSUMER FAIRS SEEMS LIKE A
4 GOOD AREA, OF COURSE, IT IS ALSO A COUNTY GROUP. I DON'T KNOW.
5 I THINK THAT WE DEFINITELY NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. WHY
6 NOT REPORT BACK ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS, WHICH MAYBE THIS IS,
7 ACTUALLY, AND DECIDE, HOW CAN WE FACILITATE MORE SMALL
8 BUSINESSES IN L.A. COUNTY?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT. PATRICK O'ROURKE?

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I BELIEVE-- I DON'T
13 KNOW EXACTLY WHEN IT HAPPENED, BUT SEVERAL YEARS AGO YOU HAD A
14 BIG STINK UP HERE REGARDING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND SCORING
15 SHEETS. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MADE A DEMAND THAT THE
16 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BE DONE OVER AGAIN. AND LITTLE BIT VAGUE
17 ON THE BOUNDARIES BUT I DO REMEMBER THERE WAS A REAL BIG
18 HULLABALOO AMONGST THE BOARD REGARDING PROJECTS. SO MY
19 QUESTION ACTUALLY WOULD BE REGARDING THAT WHOLE SITUATION IS,
20 WHY WASN'T THIS SITUATION WITH SMALL BUSINESS LOOKED AT THAT
21 TIME? AND AGAIN I GO BACK TO THE SILOS THAT YOU SO
22 CONVENIENTLY WANT TO BRING UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. METRO HAS A
23 SMALL BUSINESS POLICY. YOU SIT ON THE BOARD OF METRO, DON'T
24 YOU? HOW DOES THAT POLICY WORK? WHY DON'T YOU USE THEIR
25 POLICY? IT'S WORKING SO EFFECTIVELY. THE REAL PROBLEM WITH

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1 THAT POLICY IS ACHIEVEMENT. YOU'RE GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY BUT
2 YOU'RE NOT NECESSARILY ACHIEVING ANYTHING FOR THE SMALL
3 BUSINESSES. AND THEY HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM THERE AND
4 YOU HEAR THEY CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE BIDDING. BUT THEY DON'T
5 GET NECESSARILY THE PROGRAMS. SOMEBODY ONCE SAID-- AND THEY
6 WERE QUOTED HERE, THE GUY'S SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE-- DON'T
7 CONFUSE ACTIVITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT. WELL, BEING SAID, DON'T
8 CONFUSE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT. BECAUSE HAVING THE
9 OPPORTUNITY AND BEING GIVEN THE ACCESS TO THE CONTRACTS AND
10 BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTRACTS AND SAYING OH, SORRY, WELL,
11 YOU KNOW, THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE GO METRO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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15 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO PROTEST NOT BEING
16 ABLE TO ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 6. I WAS HERE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED YOU SEVERAL TIMES. YOU DIDN'T
19 COME FORWARD. YOU DIDN'T COME FORWARD. SPEAK ON ITEM 7,

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21 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'M SORRY, I WAS DELAYED, BUT THERE WAS A
22 PERSON SPEAKING HERE.. YOU SAW ME, KNABE, YOU SAW ME.
23 SECONDLY, I DON'T THINK THAT YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND THAT USING
24 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIVISION TO BLOCK PEOPLE FROM HAVING
25 ACCESS TO IT BECAUSE BUSINESSES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH THE

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1 COUNTY IS NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WHAT IS HAPPENING IS
2 THAT I'M GETTING NEWS THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO
3 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT THE
4 COUNTY HAS OUT RESOURCED ITS PROJECTS. IN OTHER WORDS, SMALL
5 BUSINESSES SUCH AS PARKING TICKETS, CERTAIN ADOPTION AGENCIES
6 AND SUCH, THESE BUSINESSES WORK WITHIN THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE
7 LIAISONS WITH THE COUNTY. THEY ALREADY HAVE DEFENSE. WHY ARE
8 PEOPLE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THAT THE CONSUMER
9 AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS BECAUSE THESE BUSINESSES HAVE A CONFLICT
10 OF INTEREST BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY. I
11 DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. BUT THIS IS THE INFORMATION THAT I'M
12 GETTING AND IT JOGS WITH POLICIES OF THE COUNTIES RIGHT NOW
13 WHICH ARE SO MESSED UP, SO CONFUSED, SO JUXTAPOSED AND SO
14 BIASED AGAINST THE PUBLIC, LIKE KEEPING A PERSON FROM VOTING,
15 KEEPING A PERSON FROM COMING UP HERE AND SPEAKING, DENYING
16 THEM ACCESS, DENYING THEM THE DECENCY OF A RESPONSE. YOU
17 RESPONDED A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO AN ACTOR, DIRECTLY ON HIS
18 PROBLEM. YOU KNOW WHAT ACTOR THIS IS. HE PLAYED IN SOME VERY
19 HIGH LEVEL SITCOMS. HE'S WELL KNOWN. I FORGET HIS NAME. BUT
20 YOU RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO HIM, KNABE. YOU RESPONDED DIRECTLY
21 TO HIM. YOU INTERVIEWED HIM. I WAS HERE ON AN ONGOING CASE
22 WITH THE COUNTY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 'NABE SAYS THANK YOU. RAY BISHOP?

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1 **RAY BISHOP:** I'M PLEASED TO HAVE KNOWN YOU OVER MANY YEARS AND
2 ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU. FOR THE LAST 15
3 YEARS I'VE SERVED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION FOR THE
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I NOW SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THAT
5 COMMISSION. I HAVE TO SAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED
6 THAT MANY TIMES YOU HEAR THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT DONE
7 SOMETHING RIGHT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU DID SOMETHING NOT
8 ONLY RIGHT BUT GREAT WHEN YOU IMPLEMENTED THE GOLD STEPS SOME
9 15 YEARS AGO TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS OBTAIN CONTRACTS AND
10 PURCHASING THROUGH THE COUNTY AND YOUR TREMENDOUS PURCHASING
11 POWER. AND, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I KNOW THAT YOU WERE ESPECIALLY
12 INSTRUMENTAL IN WORKING IN THAT WITH THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. SO
13 I THANK YOU FOR THAT. OVER THE YEARS, WHEN I FIRST WENT ON THE
14 COMMISSION, ACTUALLY CONGRESSMAN TORRES SUGGESTED THAT I GO ON
15 AS AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE APPOINTED ME.
16 LATER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS APPOINTED ME OVER THE YEARS.
17 I'VE SERVED ON CHAIRMAN OF PROCESSING COMMITTEE AND VICE
18 CHAIR. AND OVER THE YEARS, I'VE COME TO KNOW THE FRUSTRATIONS
19 OF WORKING WITH A HUGE BUREAUCRACY AS THE COUNTY IS. THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS HAVE HAD GREAT INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, THE
21 IMPORTANT POINT THAT WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH IS SOME TYPE OF
22 INDEPENDENCE FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND TO HELP YOUR
23 COMMISSIONERS DO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO, WHICH WAS TO
24 FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE BOLD STEPS. THE BOLD STEPS
25 PROVIDED THAT WE WOULD SEE THAT WORK CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

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1 OPPORTUNITIES WENT TO SMALL BUSINESS, THAT WE GET DATA. WE
2 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS UNDER I.S.D. I APPLAUD THE
3 EFFORT TO MOVE OUR COMMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND MOVE
4 THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS. I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THE ITEM'S
8 BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 10.
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE HOLDING ITEM NO. 10? DO YOU
11 WANT ME TO CALL ON THE PUBLIC FIRST OR DO YOU HAVE SOME
12 COMMENTS FIRST?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 10, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PREVEN,
17 SACHS AND JOHN WALSH.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN AND IT MUST BE A LEAP YEAR.
20 ITEM NO. 10 IS, IN FACT, THE 13-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
21 A.E.C.O.M. TO GO FURTHER INTO THE MILLION-AND-A-HALF DOLLAR
22 CONTRACT THEY TOOK TO GIVE US AN INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE IN
23 SEPTEMBER OF 2012. I JUST WANT TO OUTLINE BRIEFLY BECAUSE THIS
24 IS A VERY, VERY ROBUST COUNTY OPERATION. IN 2011, THEY WERE
25 GIVEN 13 MILLION FOR THE JAIL. IN JANUARY 2012 THEY WERE GIVEN

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1 ANOTHER 5.7 MILLION FOR THE JAIL. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2012, A
2 MILLION AND A HALF AS I JUST REFERENCED FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE
3 PROJECT TO REPORT BACK ON WHERE WE WERE. I REMEMBER MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION WITH MISS ROBINSON OF
5 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. IN AUGUST OF 2014, JUST YESTERDAY OR LAST
6 WEEK, THERE WAS 13-1/2 MILLION, 10.5 MILLION OF WHICH IS GOING
7 TO BE FOR SCOPING THROUGH A.E.C.O.M. THAT I REFERENCED IN MY
8 EARLIER REMARKS. AND THEN TODAY WE ARE GOING TO ROLL OUT
9 ANOTHER 13-1/2 MILLION TO MAKE SENSE OF THE 1154 FACILITIES,
10 SOME OF WHICH ARE RENTED, SOME OF WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE
11 COUNTY. A.E.C.O.M. IS AN INTERESTING FIRM, AS I SAID BEFORE. I
12 HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THEM. THEY ALSO WORKED ON OUR POLICE
13 DEPARTMENT ACROSS THE STREET FOR THE L.A.P.D. THEY WERE
14 INVOLVED IN THE LONG BEACH JUDICIAL PARTNERS L.L.C., WHICH IS
15 ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THOSE WHO
16 FEEL THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO, BY GIVING UP THE REVENUE
17 TO A PRIVATE FIRM IN EXCHANGE FOR A BRAND NEW SPANKING JAIL
18 WHERE WE CAN DRAG VARIOUS FOLKS INTO COURT AND PROCESS THEM
19 ACCORDINGLY. I'VE BEEN AGAINST THAT KIND OF ROLLOUT EVEN AS WE
20 BUILD A BIG LUXURIOUS JAIL LIKE THAT, A.E.C.O.M. ALONG WITH
21 SOME OTHER PARTNERS. WE HAVE TERRIBLE CUTBACKS THROUGHOUT THE
22 COURT SYSTEM, AND, THUS, JUSTICE IS DENIED FROM THAT ENDLESS
23 DELAY, THAT MANY FEEL INCLUDING MYSELF, AS THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS HAS DECIDED TO APPEAL A.C.L.U. PREVEN VERSUS
25 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AFTER JUDGE LEVIN FOUND THAT THE

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1 BOARD OUGHT TO RELEASE THE-- AND THE DROOYAN, EXECUTIVE
2 ATTORNEY AND ALL THOSE OTHER ATTORNEYS SHOULD--

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
7 RIGHT HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING OR BLOGGING AT JWALSH
8 CONFIDENTIAL OR TWEETING @HOLLYWOOD DEMS. THIS IS A GREAT DAY.
9 NOT JUST FOR THIS ITEM, WHICH IS ANOTHER \$13 MILLION DOWN THE
10 RAT HOLE FOR THE COUNTY JAIL, I MEAN, YOU SPEND ALL THIS
11 MONEY. AND WHEN YOU GO IF THERE, YOU'RE GREETED BY RATS, I'M
12 TALKING ABOUT FOUR-LEGGED RATS. I CONTINUALLY HEAR THAT THERE
13 ARE RATS IN THAT BUILDING. WHY INSTEAD OF NOT-- INSTEAD OF
14 GIVING THE MONEY TO A.E.C.O.M, WHY DON'T YOU BRING IN A RAT
15 CATCHER? AND I'M SURE YOU CAN HIRE SOME EX CONS AND YOU CAN
16 CLEAN THE FOUR-LEGGED RATS OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL. NOW, AS FAR
17 AS-- SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW. YOU
18 KNOW, I DON'T NEED THE TWO MINUTES TO GET OFF. AND I JUST WANT
19 TO SAY TO EVERYONE NOW: STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING. TURN OFF THE
20 T.V. IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS IN THE MORNING LIVE AND GO OUT
21 AND VOTE FOR GEORGE MCKENNA FOR SCHOOL BOARD.
22 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 10, I AM
3 EXTREMELY CONCERNED OF THE 13 MILLION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A
4 LOT OF MONEY SPENT FOR NOT SHAKING A LOT BECAUSE THAT'S NOT
5 THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE THAT COMPANY DOING SOME WORK FOR US.
6 AND THEY OVERLOOK A LOT OF THE BAD CONDITION OF CERTAIN
7 BUILDINGS. AND PERSONALLY MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE THEM TO TAKE A
8 LOOK AT U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE
9 ORIGINAL GEOLOGIC STUDY WE HAVE DONE BEFORE THAT BUILDING WAS
10 CONSTRUCTED. AND I HAVE A REQUEST FROM O.S.H.P.D. TO GET ALL
11 THE INFORMATION ON IT, BUT I THINK A LOT OF OUR BUILDINGS ARE
12 NOT KEPT UP TO STANDARDS. AND WHEN YOU GO IN MANY OF THE
13 COUNTY FACILITIES, YOU CAN SEE A DOWNGRADE. EVEN COMING HERE
14 TO THE BOARD WHEN YOU GO IN THE SECOND FLOOR, IT IS IN
15 TERRIBLE SHAPE. YOU SEE STUFF ALL OVER THE PLACE. YOU SEE
16 WALLS FALLING APART AND SO ON. SO I THINK I HIGHLY RECOMMEND
17 THAT YOU SUPERVISE THE WORK WE ARE PAYING 13 MILLION FOR.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. GOING TO HAVE TO
23 GET A CALENDAR FOR THESE GUYS. 13 MILLION FOR A.E.C.O.M. YOU
24 KNOW, THEY'RE ALSO INVOLVED AT THE HARBOR? L.A.X., METRO. THEY
25 GOT A LOT OF MONEY INVESTED IN L.A. COUNTY IN ALL THESE

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1 DIFFERENT AREAS. I WAS JUST WONDERING: WAS NAVIGANT NOT
2 AVAILABLE? SOMEBODY JUST MENTIONED IT. MAINTENANCE. THE
3 SHERIFF'S GOING TO BE MOVING INTO THE NEW FACILITIES
4 DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM US. WHAT DO YOU PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES
5 THAT THEY NOW OCCUPY? 13 MILLION, AGAIN, YOU GOT 6 MILLION FOR
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.
7 PRIORITIES. AND THESE CONTRACTS GO OUT. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A
8 BIG STINK AT L.A.X. REGARDING THESE CONSULTANT SERVICES.
9 WHAT'S INCLUDED? THEY TALKED ABOUT THE SPECIAL-- THEY GET
10 HOUSING, THEY GET MEALS. AND THEY GET CERTAIN PERKS INVOLVED
11 IN THE CONTRACTS FOR L.A.X. NOW, WE KNOW HOW FISCALLY
12 RESPONSIBLE THE COUNTY IS, THE BOARD. THOSE THINGS PROBABLY
13 AREN'T INCLUDED IN ANY OF THESE CONTRACTS. BOY, I'M TELLING
14 YOU, MUST BE SOMETHING. I'M JUST WONDERING. THEY'RE NOT
15 INCLUDED BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY MAKING A KILLING IN
16 THIS COUNTY WITH ALL THE MONEY THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN FROM THE
17 CONTRACTS AT L.A.X. I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH, YOU MENTIONED L.A.X. IS LIKE BEING IN THE THIRD
19 WORLD COUNTRY AND YET THESE ARE THE CONSULTANTS THEY HIRED TO
20 DO THE BUILDING AND FORECASTING FOR THE AIRPORT. PRETTY WEIRD
21 YOU TURN CAN AROUND AND HIRE THEM FOR THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THE ITEM--
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY-WIDE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS
3 IT RELATES TO ITEM 10 IS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD. WE'RE BEING
4 ASKED TO ALLOCATE APPROXIMATELY 13.5 MILLION IN ORDER FOR THE
5 C.E.O. TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH A.E.C.O.M.
6 TECHNICAL SERVICES. GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT WILL TAKE
7 ANYWHERE FROM 3 TO 5 YEARS, IT'S IMPORTANT, I BELIEVE, FOR
8 ATTENDANT DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THOSE MOST CRITICAL REPAIRS.
9 AND I THINK THE FEEDBACK WILL HELP DEVELOP PRIORITIZATION
10 CRITERION FOR DETERMINING THE ORDER IN WHICH BUILDINGS SHOULD
11 BE ASSESSED DURING PHASE 2. WE DIRECT THAT THE C.E.O., WORKING
12 IN CONSULTATION WITH APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS, REPORT BACK IN
13 WRITING TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH A BUILDING REVIEW OF
14 PRIORITIZATION PLAN FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BUILDING CONDITION
15 ASSESSMENTS. AND SECONDLY, REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD
16 QUARTERLY WITH AN UPDATE ON THE BUILDING ASSESSMENTS
17 PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED AS WELL AS THOSE PROPOSED FOR THE NEXT
18 QUARTER. AND, FINALLY, REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD
19 WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH A STRATEGY FOR ENSURING THAT THE DATABASE
20 BE KEPT CURRENT. THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE THE AMENDMENT TO
21 THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US. I SO MOVE.

22
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS
24 AMENDED. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 ANTONOVICH. AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 13. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
7 MYSELF HELD THAT. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT,
8 IF THEY'RE HERE. ITEM 13? YOU KNOW, THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE,
9 I'VE BEEN A SUPPORTER OF ALL OF THIS, MY CITIES AND DISTRICT
10 HAVE GONE FORWARD WITH THE P.A.C..E PROGRAM AND THE
11 CONSTITUENTS REALLY LIKE IT. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS THE
12 ONGOING OPPOSITION BY THE F.H.F.A. ON THE IMPACT THAT SHOULD
13 THEY EVER DECIDE TO PULL THE PLUG, WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE LOANS
14 AND THE PROPERTIES AND THAT WHOLE SITUATION OF SOMEBODY'S IN
15 THE MIDDLE OF THE PROCESS, WHICH IT COULD BE. NOT JUST THE
16 UNINCORPORATED AREA, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, BUT THE
17 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

18

19 **DOUG BARON:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. DOUG BARON WITH
20 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT ANY F.H.F.A.
21 ACTION WOULD BE PROSPECTIVE IN NATURE AND WOULD NOT IMPACT
22 THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE INITIATED CASE LOANS ON THEIR
23 PROPERTIES. THE TWO ACTIONS THAT F.H.F.A. HAS REFERENCED IN
24 THEIR MEMORANDA ARE, ONE, THAT THEY MIGHT ALTER THE
25 UNDERWRITING CRITERIA IN JURISDICTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR P.A.C.E.

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1 ASSESSMENTS; AND, SECONDLY, THAT THEY COULD CEASE UNDERWRITING
2 MORTGAGES ALTOGETHER IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS. IF EITHER OF
3 THOSE STEPS WERE INITIATED BY THE FEDERAL MORTGAGE AGENCIES,
4 THE COUNTY WOULD SHUT DOWN ITS PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE ISSUE HERE IS WE DON'T WANT
7 TO HAVE ANY INCREASE OF FORECLOSURES OR BE IN A POSITION
8 BECAUSE OF TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING TO ALLOW OUR FOLKS TO
9 DO THE ENERGY UPGRADE IN ALL THESE KIND OF THINGS AND THEN PUT
10 THEM IN A POSITION TO DO SOMETHING TOTALLY OUT OF OUR CONTROL.
11 I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THAT DECISION IS NOT MADE BY US. THAT
12 DECISION IS MADE BY THE F.H.F.A.

13

14 **DOUG BARON:** AND THE F.H.F.A. TO THIS POINT IN TIME HAS NEVER
15 INTIMATED THAT THEY WOULD WOULD INITIATE A FORECLOSURE
16 PROCEEDING BASED ON A TECHNICAL DEFAULT OF THE MORTGAGE
17 CONTRACT. THAT HAS NOT BEEN SOMETHING THEY HAVE PUT FORWARD IN
18 THEIR COMMUNICATIONS. THE FORECLOSURE RISK IS LARGELY
19 ASSOCIATED WITH BOND HOLDERS WHO WOULD PURCHASE THE ASSESSMENT
20 CONTRACTS. AND A KEY PREMISE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IF
21 THE COUNTY MANAGES ITS OWN RESIDENTIAL P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, WE
22 HAVE THE ABILITY TO BETTER PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AND MITIGATE
23 AGAINST THAT TYPE OF FORECLOSURE RISK.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU
2 HAD SOME QUESTIONS?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD ONE QUESTION, ONE QUESTION/COMMENT.
5 THE MATTER BEFORE US WILL, IF I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL ALLOW FOR
6 THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TWO CONTRACTORS DO THIS WORK, IS
7 THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **DOUG BARON:** THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR R.F.P. TO BE
10 DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS OR WEEKS, AND IT WILL
11 ALLOW FOR ONE OR MORE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS TO MANAGE
12 RESIDENTIAL P.A.C.E. THE SELECTION OF ONE VERSUS MORE THAN ONE
13 WILL LARGELY BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE RESPONSES RECEIVED
14 PURSUANT TO THAT R.F.P.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE R.F.P. WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ONE
17 OR MORE MAY BE SELECTED?

18

19 **DOUG BARON:** ABSOLUTELY. YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WANT TO JUST READ AN AMENDMENT TO
22 THIS I DON'T THINK SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONTROVERSIAL.
23 "CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT DROUGHT SERVES AS A CRITICAL REMINDER OF
24 THE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO SAVE WATER AND P.A.C.E.
25 FINANCING CAN PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TOOL TO HELP RESIDENTIAL

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1 AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS IMPLEMENT WATER EFFICIENCY.
2 IMPROVEMENTS. MOREOVER, IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT
3 ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH WATER USE IN SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA, THE COUNTY'S P.A.C.E. PROGRAM INCLUDED WATER
5 EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE COUNTY'S
6 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, TO DATE MOST OF THE P.A.C..E FINANCE
7 IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA HAVE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON
8 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR POWER GENERATION. TO ENSURE THAT
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S P.A.C.E PROGRAM ALSO FACILITATES WATER
10 CONSERVATION, I.S.D. SHOULD USE THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
11 R.F.P. PROCESS TO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE ALL PROPOSERS TO MAXIMIZE
12 THE AVAILABILITY OF P.A.C.E. FINANCING FOR WATER EFFICIENCY
13 IMPROVEMENTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 INSTRUCT I.S.D. TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE IN THE SCORING OF THE
15 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR R.F.P. THAT WILL ENCOURAGE ALL
16 PROPOSERS TO CREATE IMPROVED FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
17 ELIGIBLE WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AS A COMPONENT OF LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY'S P.A.C.E. PROGRAM."

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PROTECTIONS ARE IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM
21 THAT WERE NOT IN THE EARLIER VERSION TO PROTECT THE HOMEOWNER?

22
23 **DOUG BARON:** SINCE WE, THE LAST PRESENTATION TO YOUR BOARD ON
24 THIS TOPIC, THE COUNTY HAS REVIEWED CLOSELY THE ISSUE OF
25 CONSUMER PROTECTION. AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS BEST MANAGED

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1 THROUGH ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE THAT OCCURS NOT JUST IN THE
2 ASSESSMENT CONTRACT BUT ALSO IN THE APPLICATION. SO THAT IS
3 NOT BEING DONE IN ALL OF THE EXISTING P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS.
4 ADDITIONALLY, WE SEEK TO ESTABLISH A MORE ROBUST RESERVE FUND
5 THAT CAN MITIGATE AGAINST BONDHOLDER FORECLOSURE. AND THEN A
6 THIRD AVENUE IS THAT THE R.F.P. WILL SPECIFICALLY EMPHASIZE
7 CONTROLS THAT WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE ON CONTRACTORS WHO REALLY
8 ARE THERE AT THE POINT OF SALE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE
9 ARE NO PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH P.A.C.E.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT SAFEGUARDS ARE THERE AGAINST PREDATORY
12 CONTRACTORS OR PREDATORY ADMINISTRATOR WHO FAIL TO NOTIFY
13 HOMEOWNERS THAT THEY MAY LOSE THEIR HOMES IF THEY FAIL TO MAKE
14 ONE HOUSE PAYMENT?

15

16 **DOUG BARON:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, IF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH
17 FORECLOSURE, WHETHER IT RELATES TO BOND HOLDERS OR FEDERAL
18 MORTGAGE AGENCIES, WILL BE DISCLOSED IN THE APPLICATION
19 DOCUMENT ITSELF, AND NO LOAN CAN PROCEED WITHOUT A SIGNED
20 APPLICATION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IN BOLD PRINT, THE HOMEOWNER WILL KNOW
23 THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR HOME, COULD LOSE THEIR HOME IF THEY
24 FAILED ONE PAYMENT?

25

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1 **DOUG BARON:** YES. THERE IS THE RIGHT TO INITIATE JUDICIAL
2 FORECLOSURE, AND THAT WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN THE APPLICATION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AFTER MISSING ONE PAYMENT?

5

6 **DOUG BARON:** IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM TO
7 HAVE A RESERVE FUND SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED SUCH THAT ONE MISSED
8 PAYMENT DOES NOT TRIGGER A BONDHOLDER FORECLOSURE. TO THE
9 EXTENT THAT THAT BOND FUND IS INSUFFICIENTLY FUNDED, THEN,
10 YES, THERE WOULD BE THE ABILITY TO FORECLOSE AFTER ONE MISSED
11 PAYMENT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. THERE WOULD BE THE ABILITY TO FORECLOSE.
14 AGAIN, I MEAN, THIS IS WHY SOME CITIES HAVE NOW DROPPED OUT OF
15 THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME FAST
16 SALESPERSON, SELL THESE PEOPLE THIS GREAT IDEA, AND LITTLE DO
17 THEY KNOW IN THE FINE PRINT THAT THEY COULD LOSE THEIR HOME IF
18 THEY MISS ONE PAYMENT. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THIS IS TOTALLY
19 IRRESPONSIBLE AND WHY I VOTED AGAINST IT THE FIRST TIME. I
20 MEAN, IT'S LIKE PINOCCHIO WHERE THEY'RE GIVING ALL THESE KIDS
21 CANDY AND EVERYTHING TO GO SKIP SCHOOL AND ALL BECOME JACK
22 ASSES. WHERE WOULD THE MONEY COME FROM FOR THE ROBUST RESERVE
23 FUND?

24

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1 **DOUG BARON:** THE RESERVE FUND WOULD BE PART OF THE ASSESSMENT
2 THAT IS LEVIED AS PART OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY ASSOCIATED
3 WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS. IT WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE PROPERTY
4 OWNERS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FUNDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS THEMSELVES
7 AGAIN.

8

9 **DOUG BARON:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, JUST TO BE CERTAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN.
14 AFTER YOU RESTRAIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN TERMS OF HIS
15 HARKING BACK TO PINOCCHIO, WE'LL DO THAT LATER, I'M SURE. I
16 WANT TO THANK THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND COUNTY COUNSEL
17 AS WELL AS I.S.D. FOR A THOROUGH RESPONSE TO THE MOTION THAT
18 WAS BROUGHT ON MAY 20TH. IN MY VIEW, THEIR REPORT DOES A
19 COMPREHENSIVE JOB OF SUMMARIZING THE STRATEGIES THAT THE
20 COUNTY CAN EMPLOY IN MITIGATING CONSUMER RISKS IN ESTABLISHING
21 OUR OWN P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. P.A.C.E. CONTINUES TO BE A SOUGHT-
22 AFTER TOOL IN FINANCING BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENERGY
23 IMPROVEMENTS. WITHIN THE CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROGRAM, IT SHOULD BE KNOWN
25 THAT OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, SOME 600 RESIDENTS HAVE

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1 ALREADY ENTERED INTO ASSESSMENTS-- ASSESSMENT AGREEMENTS
2 VALUED AT OVER \$13 MILLION. P.A.C.E. FINANCING CAN BE MORE
3 EXPEDITIOUS THAN A TRADITIONAL LOAN OR CREDIT LINE, AND THE
4 INTEREST RATES APPEAR TO BE COMPARABLE OR BETTER THAN OTHER
5 PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A COUNTY-
6 WIDE PROGRAM GET IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THAT
7 FORMALIZES THE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. I WANT TO UNDERScore
8 CONSUMER PROTECTIONS SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR PART IN PROVIDING
9 RESIDENTS WITH A STRAIGHTFORWARD AND EFFICIENT PATH TO
10 IMPLEMENTING CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS. A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS
11 WANT TO DO IT. IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY AND OUR
12 RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST THEM IN DOING IT IN A CONSUMER
13 FRIENDLY AND APPROPRIATE MANNER. MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JOIN
14 THOSE IN MOVING THIS ITEM FORWARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THIS ITEM, THEN, IS BEFORE US,
17 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY AS AMENDED. IS THERE ANY OPPOSITION OTHER THAN
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RECORDING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS A NO
24 VOTE, ITEM PASSES 4-1. THANK YOU. I CALL ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA
25 AS AN URGENCY MOTION, I BELIEVE.

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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A SPECIAL MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
3 WE WOULD TAKE UP AS AN URGENCY. AND BASICALLY IT'S ABOUT
4 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VERNON AREA WITH REGARD TO THE EXIDE
5 BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT. AS YOU KNOW, THEIR COMMUNITY HAS
6 SUFFERED GREATLY BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF SOME OF THE STATE
7 AGENCIES, BASICALLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES
8 CONTROL T.S.C. AS WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT, THE CAL E.P.A. AND
9 OF COURSE THE A.Q.M.D., NONE OF THEM HAVE REALLY WORKED
10 COLLECTIVELY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO ENFORCE STATE AND FEDERAL
11 LAWS REGULATING THE TOXIC WASTE AND EMISSIONS EMANATING FROM
12 THE EXIDE PLANT. DESPITE NUMEROUS AND REPEATED SERIOUS
13 VIOLATIONS AND NUMEROUS AND REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE
14 COMMUNITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW, THEY STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
15 DO THAT. CONSEQUENTLY, I'M BRINGING FORWARD A MOTION-- I
16 BROUGHT TOGETHER THE MOTION TO CREATE THE TOXIC RED STRIKE
17 TEAM TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND JUSTICE
18 ISSUE, WHICH IT IS, FROM A COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A PUBLIC
19 HEALTH PERSPECTIVE. FOLLOWING THE PLAN OF SOIL TESTING AROUND
20 THE D.P.S.D., OUR STRIKE TEAM WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY TO
21 REACH OUT WITH THE D.P.S.D. TO GET COMMITMENTS TO NOT ONLY
22 REMEDIATE THE ONE OR TWO HOUSES TESTED BUT TO TEST ALL OF THE
23 HOMES IN THE COMMUNITY AND COMMIT TO REMEDIATING EACH AND
24 EVERY ONE OF THEM. LATE THIS PAST FRIDAY, WE LEARNED THAT
25 D.T.S.D. WAS ONLY COMMITTING TO REMEDIATE THE TWO HOUSES

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1 TESTED BY THEM, NOT THE ONES NEXT DOOR OR DOWN THE STREET, NOT
2 EVEN THE 37 INITIAL D.T.S.D. HOUSES THAT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED
3 BY THEM AS HIGH RISK. WE'RE FINDING THIS TO BE TOTALLY
4 UNACCEPTABLE. AGAIN, THE D.T.S.D. AS WELL AS CAL E.P.A. HAVE
5 REFUSED TO COMMIT TO TESTING AND CLEANING UP THESE HOMES
6 THEY'VE ALLOWED TO BECOME CONTAMINATED BY THEIR FAILURE TO
7 REGULATE EXIDE'S EMISSIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE SOME
8 PRESSURE THAT'S BEING EXERTED THAT MIGHT CHANGE THAT OUTCOME.
9 BUT BASICALLY THE COMMUNITY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE LEFT
10 SHOULDERING THIS BURDEN OF POLLUTION THAT IT HAS BECAUSE OF
11 THE REGULATORY FAILURE WE'VE HAD UP TO NOW. SO WE NEED TO URGE
12 THE GOVERNOR TO GET INVOLVED-- AND I REALLY MEAN GET INVOLVED--
13 - AND FORCE OUR STATE AGENTS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT
14 THEY'RE PAID TO DO. THAT'S WHAT THE TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING FOR,
15 AND TO FORCE EXIDE TO CLEAN UP THE MESS THEY MADE IN OUR
16 COMMUNITIES. IF THIS WERE HAPPENING IN ANY OTHER IN
17 NEIGHBORHOOD, I CAN ASSURE YOU THERE WOULD BE A SENSE OF
18 URGENCY. BUT WE ARE CONCERNED. WE ARE ASKING THAT A FIVE
19 SIGNATURE LETTER GO IMMEDIATELY OUT TO THE GOVERNOR AND
20 HOPEFULLY GET HIM TO RESPOND TO THIS GREAT VIOLATION OF OUR
21 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND THE FAILURE OF MANY OF THESE
22 ENVIRONMENTALLY REGULATED AGENCIES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TODAY
23 TAKE THE LEADERSHIP. THIS IS THE COMMUNITY THAT IS BEING
24 FAILED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY NEED US TO PUSH
25 THEM FORWARD. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT BASICALLY STATES THAT WE

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1 HAVE TO DECLARE THIS AS AN URGENCY THAT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION
2 AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. AND THAT BECAUSE THE
3 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT THEY'RE TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH--
4 BY THE WAY MY STAFF WRITES VERY LONG MOTIONS FOR ME TO READ
5 IN, SO I'M TRYING TO SUMMARIZE IT. THE BOARD ACTS ON THE
6 URGENCY ISSUE AND DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE A
7 FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN REQUESTING THAT HE
8 INTERCEDE WITH THE D.T.S.D. AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
9 PROTECTION AGENCY TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE PROVIDES THE
10 FUNDING, PROVIDES LEAD SCREENING TO ALL OF THE 39 CONTAMINATED
11 PROPERTIES, REVIEWS THE ACTIONS THAT LED TO THE STATE'S
12 FAILURE AND FINALLY, PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY
13 OVERSIGHT AS LISTED ON THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND THE URGENCY MOTION
16 AND THEN THE ITEM BEFORE US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE ONLY THING IS THAT I DO HAVE FATHER
19 MORETTA, WHO--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS GOING TO CALL IT. I JUST WANTED TO
22 GET IT ON THE FLOOR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'VE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WE'VE GOT FATHER
2 MORETTA AND MARK LOPEZ, IF YOU'LL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

3

4 **FR. MORETTA:** MY NAME IS MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA. I'M THE PASTOR
5 OF RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS FOR SOME 31 YEARS. I
6 CANNOT COUNT HOW MANY TIMES THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ASKED TO GO
7 BEFORE COMMITTEES, BEFORE AGENCIES, BEFORE COMMISSIONS, BEFORE
8 EVEN YOUR OWN BOARD HERE TO GIVE TESTIMONY ABOUT THE LEAD
9 CONTAMINATION. IT'S BEEN PRODUCED BY EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES FOR
10 SOME 33 YEARS. AND TODAY THE MOTION OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA OR A
11 LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR TO INTERVENE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
12 SUBSTANCE CONTROL AND THE E.P.A. IS RIGHT ON. THIS IS AN
13 URGENCY ISSUE. YOUR STRIKE FORCE AND THE COMMUNITY HAS FOUND
14 IT TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH AN AGENCY THAT IS OFTEN
15 INEFFECTIVE IN CLEANING UP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN A TIMELY WAY.
16 THE L.A. TIMES JUST THIS MORNING SAYS THAT THERE ARE SOME
17 60,000 PEOPLE WITH 8,000 OF THEM TO BE CHILDREN. I THINK
18 THAT'S A LOWBALL. THAT'S BASED ON THE CENSUS, THE LAST CENSUS.
19 IT DEPENDS WHERE YOU FORM THAT CIRCLE. THAT'S STILL 60,000. WE
20 BELIEVE IT'S CLOSER TO SHOULD BE 100,000. AS YOU REMEMBER, OUR
21 FAMILIES WERE TOLD THAT THE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT PLAY IN THE
22 DIRT, THAT PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT STEP ON THE DIRT, SHOULD
23 NOT TOUCH THE DIRT. THE DANGER WASN'T TO THE WOMEN, AS SUCH,
24 BUT TO THEIR EMBRYOS, TO THEIR CHILDREN. AND THEY STILL HAVE
25 THAT PROTOCOL. THEY'RE TOLD IF THERE'S FRUIT, IF THERE'S

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1 VEGETABLES, THEY SHOULD NOT TOUCH THE GROUND. AND THAT'S BEEN
2 IN EFFECT FOR MONTHS NOW. AND STILL NOTHING HAS BEEN-- THEY'RE
3 JUST STARTING, STARTED TO DO ONE HOUSE BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE
4 COMMITMENT FOR THEM TO CLEAN UP THE OTHER HOMES. SO THE DIRT
5 WILL NOT-- SO WE ASK YOU ESPECIALLY TO HELP US SEND THIS
6 LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR WITH URGENCY. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **MARK LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS MARK LOPEZ. I'M WITH EAST YARD
11 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I'M ALSO A
12 MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE FIRST ZONE. MY
13 GRANDPARENTS, MY PARENTS MYSELF AND MY TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE
14 THAT'S TWO YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS AND THE OTHER THAT'S FIVE
15 MONTHS OLD ALL RESIDE IN THIS AREA. AND ALONG WITH EXIDE'S
16 CONTAMINATION, WE'VE ALSO STRUGGLED WITH INCONSISTENT
17 COMMUNICATION FROM D.T.S.D. AND NO FIRM COMMITMENT TO
18 APPROPRIATE TESTING INCLUDING STEP OUT SAMPLING AND CLEANUP.
19 WE'VE ONLY BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE IMPACT OF
20 EXIDE'S CONTAMINATION AND IF NOT ADDRESSED, THIS IS GOING TO
21 BE A LEGACY ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. EXIDE HAS NOT ACTED
22 RESPONSIBLY. D.T.S.D. HAS NOT ACTED RESPONSIBLY. I'M GLAD
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS SHOWING LEADERSHIP IN CALLING FOR
24 ACCOUNTABILITY OF D.T.S.D. AND I HOPE THE REST OF THE BOARD

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1 WILL JOIN HER IN THAT AND I LOOK FORWARD FOR CONTINUED ACTION
2 AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM? MR. SACHS, AS LONG
5 AS YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT METRO. IF YOU TALK ABOUT METRO, I'M
6 GOING TO CALL YOU OUT OF ORDER.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THAT'S A FINE FORM OF
9 GOVERNANCE. BUT MY CONCERNS ACTUALLY ARE WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO
10 SET-- OH, BY THE WAY, ARNOLD SACHS, WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO
11 SETTLE FOR FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER? I BELIEVE ONE OF THE STATE
12 LEGISLATORS, BRADFORD, PUT A LAW INTO EFFECT THAT THE BOARD
13 CAN MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR. REMEMBER A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE
14 GOVERNOR CAME DOWN TO TALK ABOUT A.B.109 AND THE FUNDING? YOU
15 MET IN CLOSED SESSION, AND YOU VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT. WOW.
16 BUSTER BROWN. WHO KNOWS WHAT BROWN? JOE BROWN. AND YOU
17 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT, HUGE VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. GOT
18 SPANKED. AND THEN BRADFORD PUT A LAW ON THAT SAID YOU CAN MEET
19 WITH THE GOVERNOR. SO WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM ON DOWN? COME ON
20 DOWN, GOVERNOR. WE GOT A PROBLEM HERE. WHY WASTE POSTAGE? COME
21 ON DOWN. HAVE HIM TAKE A TOUR. WHY DO YOU NEED TO DO THAT? YOU
22 ALREADY HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE POWER. BUT MORE POWER THAN METRO,
23 OH I'M SORRY, I MENTIONED IT. SO WHY GO THROUGH THOSE STEPS IN
24 THAT PROCESS? BECAUSE THIS IS A GRAVE SITUATION. AND THERE'S A
25 SITUATION BY THE U.S.C. WITH THE OIL COMPANY WHERE THEY HAD

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1 TOXIC FUMES. I STILL BELIEVE THEY HAVE TOXIC FUMES. THERE'S A
2 SITUATION IN WILMINGTON WHERE THEY WANT TO BUILD A NEW STAGING
3 AREA FOR THE NEW 10-MILE TRAINS THEY PLAN ON PRODUCING THROUGH
4 THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION
5 AUTHORITY. THOSE ARE ALL PARTS OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL
6 CONCERNS. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THESE
7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS? ALL LOW-INCOME AREAS, THAT DR.
8 FIELDING MENTIONED, THEY GET THE BRUNT OF POOR HEALTH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE FAILURES HAS BEEN
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S INABILITY TO HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT
14 THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COLLECTING FOR THESE TOXIC CLEANUPS.
15 SO THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTING THE RESOURCES, THE FEES THAT
16 HAVE BEEN LEGISLATED BY LAW WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE REVENUES
17 TO DO THESE CLEANUPS. AND THAT'S WHERE THERE'S BEEN A REAL
18 BREAKDOWN AT THE STATE LEVEL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE
21 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 14,
22 MR. YAROSLAVSKY? ITEM 14?

23

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK WE HAVE A STAFF
2 REPORT, AND THEN WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND THEN I
3 WILL MAKE MY COMMENTS. TURN ON HIS MIC. IF YOU CAN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, IT'S JUST RUSS. I'M JUST KIDDING, RUSS.

6

7 **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR
8 OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I HAVE WITH ME JOAN RUPERT OF OUR
9 ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION AND TIM LINDSAY, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
10 VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS IN BEVERLY HILLS WHICH IS A COUNTY
11 PARK FACILITY. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY WOULD AMEND THE
12 DRAFT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FACILITY AND
13 MAKE SOME MINOR CHANGES IN A FEW AREAS. THE GRANT DEED AND THE
14 WILL OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON, WHEN GIFTING THIS PROPERTY TO THE
15 COUNTY, WAS THAT IT BE OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT ALL
16 REASONABLE TIMES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A GOOD STEWARD OF
17 THIS PROPERTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND PROVIDED ACCESS. BUT THERE
18 IS A NEED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHICH CAN'T
19 ALWAYS COME MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. AND SO THIS WOULD EXPAND
20 THE HOURS SLIGHTLY AND EXPAND THE DAYS SO THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK
21 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY CAN NOW VISIT THIS FACILITY. WE CAN GIVE
22 YOU MORE DETAILS ON THE PLAN, BUT IT'S IN THE BOARD LETTER. OR
23 WE CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS YOU HAVE THEM ON THE ISSUE
24 THAT'S BEFORE US.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN YOU HAVE--?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DO, HAVE TWO SPEAKERS. BEN REZNIK AND
6 ADRIENNE HORWITCH

7

8 **BEN REZNIK:** GOOD MORNING. BEN REZNIK WITH JEFFER, MANGELS,
9 BUTLER AND MITCHELL. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE REPRESENT SOME
10 OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON ELDEN WAY, WHICH IS THAT NARROW 30-
11 FOOT WIDE CUL-DE-SAC LEADING TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE VIRGINIA
12 ROBINSON GARDENS. FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS, LET
13 ME THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR TAKING THEIR CONCERNS
14 SERIOUSLY AND INTO CONSIDERATION OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT THIS
15 HAS BEEN ONGOING. IN FACT, HE ALSO MET WITH MY CLIENTS AND
16 MADE AVAILABLE HIS STAFF TO US TO WORK ON SOME OF OUR
17 CONCERNS. THERE'S AN INCONVENIENCE IN LIVING NEXT TO WHAT NOW
18 IS A PUBLIC FACILITY, BUT INCONVENIENCES CAN BE TOLERATED.
19 WHAT HAPPENS FROM TIME TO TIME IS THE INCONVENIENCES TURN INTO
20 A NUISANCE. AND NUISANCES, LIKE WHEN BIG TRUCKS COME IN TO
21 UNLOAD AND BLOCK DRIVEWAYS AND PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN AND OUT.
22 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LITTLE CUL-DE-SAC. SIX HOUSES ON THE
23 CUL-DE-SAC. AND THEY BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALL OF THE FACILITIES.
24 EVEN THOUGH STREET PARKING IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALLOWED,
25 NEVER HAS BEEN FOR 30 YEARS, IT HAPPENS, AND PEOPLE DO THAT.

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1 SO WE HAVE ONE REQUEST WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE
2 SITE. I'VE GOT A 1987 LETTER HERE FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS
3 MANAGERS SAYING THIS IS A FOUR-DAY EVENT, LIMITED HOURS, SMALL
4 VEHICLES WILL DELIVER SO THAT THEY CAN DRIVE THROUGH THE FRONT
5 DOOR, NOT PARK ON ELDEN WAY. THAT'S A 1987 LETTER FROM THE
6 COUNTY, BUT THAT'S NOT BEEN THE PRACTICE. SO IT'S BEEN
7 IGNORED. AND SO THE CONCERN WE HAVE AND WHY WE APPRECIATE
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S LOOKING INTO THIS AND GIVING IT
9 CONSIDERATION IS THAT THERE'S JUST BEEN A LACK OF ENFORCEMENT.
10 IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE CONDITIONS, ENFORCE IT. AND BECAUSE
11 YOU'RE IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS, IT'S YOUR PROPERTY. IT'S
12 YOUR ASSET. YOU SHOULD HAVE THE STAFF ENFORCE THIS ISSUE. SO
13 WHEN THERE ARE CARS PARKED OUT THERE, STAFF SHOULD BE OUT
14 THERE FROM THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. WHEN TRUCKS ARE
15 DELIVERING AS IT TAKES THEM SOMETIMES 10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS TO
16 UNLOAD FOR AN EVENT AND THEN ANOTHER 10 DAYS TO LOAD BACK UP,
17 THEY BLOCK OUR CLIENTS' DRIVEWAYS ON THIS LITTLE STREET. WE
18 ASK THAT YOU SIMPLY ADD A CONDITION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE
19 STAFF, NOT VOLUNTARILY, BUT REQUIRE THEM TO DO THAT. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

23

24 **ADRIENNE HORWITCH:** GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF
25 THE SUPERVISORS. I AM ADRIENNE HORWITCH AND IT'S AN HONOR FOR

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1 ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING IN MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE
2 FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, A
3 GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES BY THE LATE VIRGINIA
4 ROBINSON, HEIR TO THE ROBINSON'S DEPARTMENT STORES, ARE
5 LOCATED IN THE HEART OF BEVERLY HILLS. THIS LANDMARKED HOME
6 ITSELF HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL SPLENDOR AND SERVES
7 AS A MUSEUM. THE ONGOING BEAUTY OF THE SIX-PLUS ACRES OF THE
8 GARDENS IS THERE TO BE SEEN AND ENJOYED BY ALL. THE FRIENDS
9 HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH L.A. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TIM
10 LINDSAY TO RESTORE THIS HISTORIC FIRST ESTATE OF BEVERLY
11 HILLS. WE REALLY NEED TO BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS SO
12 THAT WORKING PEOPLE AND FAMILIES CAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 COME AND ENJOY DOCENT-GUIDED TOURS. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOT
14 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IT YET, INCLUDING MY OWN
15 GRANDCHILDREN. EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE TO SEE THIS
16 BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS, JUST TWO MORE A
17 YEAR, WOULD ALLOW VISITORS TO FULLY ENJOY THE GARDENS AND
18 HOUSE MUSEUM AT GOLDEN HOUR OF TWILIGHT. THREE YEARS AGO, I
19 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THE ROBINSON GARDEN CENTENNIAL
20 GALA, ONE OF TWO SPECIAL EVENTS THAT ARE HELD THERE EACH YEAR.
21 AND THIS SPRING, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GARDEN TOUR, I SAW
22 FIRSTHAND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REALLY ANXIOUS TO COME TO THESE
23 GROUNDS. TWO MORE VISITS A YEAR WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER. IN
24 ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR, TRAINED GUIDES, THE FRIENDS HAVE
25 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S GUIDED TOURS. AND SCHOOL GROUPS LOVE TO

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1 VISIT. WITH EXTENDED HOURS, THEY WOULD BE MORE FULLY ABLE TO
2 UTILIZE THE GARDENS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VEGETABLE GARDENS
3 AND EATING WHOLESOME FOOD. AND WHEN THE TIMING IS RIGHT, THEY
4 OFTEN GET TO TASTE THE VEGETABLES THAT WE GROW. THE PUBLIC
5 DESERVES TO ENJOY THE GROUNDS IN OTHER WAYS WITH A GREATER
6 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM. IN ADDITION TO
7 OUR GARDENING AND BOTANICAL CLASSES, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER
8 OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES THAT WOULD DEEPEN THEIR CULTURAL
9 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ESTATE. THE FRIENDS HAVE WORKED HAND-IN-
10 HAND WITH THE COUNTY. AND ACTUALLY--

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

13

14 **ADRIENNE HORWITCH:** YES, I WILL-- TO PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF
15 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTS WHEN THEY PROVIDE
16 GREATER ACCESSIBILITY. WE REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE
17 DAYS, MORE HOURS AND A GREATER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE
18 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, DO YOU HAVE ANY-- I DON'T
23 THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO RESPOND TO MR. REZNIK'S TESTIMONY IS
24 CONCERNED. DO YOU WANT TO REAFFIRM HIS COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS
25 ABOUT ME? [LAUGHTER.] I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS. AND WE'VE

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1 COME A LONG WAY FROM WHERE THIS ALL STARTED. ONE OF MY AXIOMS,
2 MR. CHAIRMAN, IS THAT THE SMALLEST CHANGES TEND TO BE THE MOST
3 CONTENTIOUS, SOMETIMES. AND PUT IT DIFFERENTLY, THE MAGNITUDE
4 OF THE CHANGE IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONATE TO THE TIME WE SPEND
5 ON IT. THESE ARE VERY MINOR CHANGES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED,
6 RELATIVELY SPEAKING, BUT THERE ARE FIVE NEIGHBORS TO THIS
7 PROPERTY. AND THEY DESERVE CONSIDERATION. AND THEY CERTAINLY
8 HAVE GOTTEN IT. WE'VE HEARD THEM LOUD AND CLEAR. AND WE'VE
9 TRIED TO WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES. VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS
10 IS ONE OF THE CULTURAL JEWELS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS
11 SYSTEM. VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT. I HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT
12 IT UNTIL I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. IT IS THE FIRST
13 RESIDENTIAL ESTATE IN BEVERLY HILLS AND IT IS LISTED ON THE
14 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THE PROPERTY, WHICH
15 CONTAINS A TREMENDOUS DISPLAY OF GARDENS, HOUSE MUSEUM AND A
16 POOL PAVILION ATTRACTS A VARIED AUDIENCE RANGING FROM THOSE
17 INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEVERLY HILLS TO
18 THOSE WHO APPRECIATE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND CLASSICAL REVIVAL
19 ARCHITECTURE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE
20 FRIENDS OF THE ROBINSON GARDENS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE
21 THIS MULTIFACETED PROPERTY MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
22 WITHOUT IMPACTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. LET ME JUST DEPART FROM
23 THE MOTION AND JUST THANK THE FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON
24 GARDENS FOR THE WORK THEY DO ALL YEAR ROUND, RAISING MONEY
25 PRIVATELY TO HELP MAINTAIN THIS FACILITY AND TO RESTORE IT TO

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1 ITS ORIGINAL GRANDEUR AS ENVISIONED BY VIRGINIA ROBINSON
2 HERSELF. IT REALLY HAS, IN THE 20 YEARS I'VE REPRESENTED YOU,
3 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE
4 HAPPENED WITHOUT ALL OF YOU. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE
5 CURRENT OPERATING HOURS AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE WERE ESTABLISHED
6 34 YEARS GO IN THE 1980 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. IT LIMITS
7 THE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION AND THE NUMBER OF DAILY
8 VISITORS ALLOWED BY THE GARDENS FOR GUIDED TOURS, CLASSES,
9 SEMINARS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. THE 2014 SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R.,
10 WHICH IS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, PROPOSES OPERATIONAL CHANGES
11 TO ALLOW MORE ACCESS FOR VISITORS WITH MINIMAL IMPACTS TO THE
12 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PROPOSED OPERATIONAL CHANGES INCLUDE OPENING
13 THE GARDENS FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND ALL HOLIDAYS WITH THE
14 EXCEPTION OF THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY AND
15 EXTENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION BY 30 MINUTES. WHILE THE
16 PROPOSED CHANGES ARE MODEST, IN FURTHER DEFERENCE TO THE
17 NEIGHBORS, I PROPOSE THAT INSTEAD OF OPENING THE GARDENS EVERY
18 SATURDAY, IT IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE REVISED FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL
19 E.I.R. THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPEN THE GARDENS ONLY TWO SATURDAYS
20 A MONTH AS PART OF A 12-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM. THIS WILL ALLOW
21 THE DEPARTMENT STAFF TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON HOW SATURDAY
22 OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED AND ASSESS ANY IMPACTS TO THE
23 NEIGHBORS. ALSO I WANT TO REASSURE THE NEIGHBORS THAT WEDDINGS
24 WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE PROPERTY AND THERE WILL BE NO PARKING
25 ON ELDEN WAY BY VISITORS TO THE GARDENS. PRIMARY PARKING

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1 PROBLEM THAT I'VE WITNESSED RECENTLY ON ELDEN WAY IS NOT FROM
2 VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. IT'S FROM ALL THE NEIGHBORS. WE HAD
3 ONE PERSON WHO WAS REAR ENDED, OR SIDESWIPE BY A TRUCK
4 BACKING OUT OF A DRIVEWAY THE OTHER DAY, EITHER CONSTRUCTION
5 OR AN EVENT BEING PLANNED. I WAS THERE BECAUSE OUR WEST SIDE
6 COG MET AT THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. NONE OF THEM PARKED
7 ON THE STREET, BY THE WAY. AND THEY COULDN'T HAVE PARKED IF
8 THEY WANTED TO BECAUSE ALL THE CONSTRUCTION WORK. THEY WERE
9 DOING SOME WORK ON A HOUSE THAT HAD JUST BEEN PURCHASED. THEY
10 HAD TAKEN UP EVERY CONCEIVABLE PARKING PLACE ON ELDEN WAY. SO
11 MY RECOMMENDATION IS, WE WILL DO OUR SHARE. BUT THE NEIGHBORS
12 NEED TO DO THEIR SHARE. AND WE ARE ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS. LIKE
13 IT OR NOT. COUNTY OWNS THIS PROPERTY. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO
14 OUR SHARE. AND TO THE EXTENT WE DON'T, BRING IT TO OUR
15 ATTENTION AND WE'LL RATCHET UP THE ENFORCEMENT. BUT I THINK
16 EVERY TIME I'VE BEEN THERE, I'VE SEEN A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF
17 FIDELITY TO THE RULES AND CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO IN
18 THE PAST. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD-
19 - WELL, I GUESS THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN PARK WHEREVER
20 THEY WANT WHENEVER THEY WANT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SUBJECT TO
21 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. BUT IT
22 KIND OF RINGS HOLLOW TO HAVE A COMPLAINT OVER ONE
23 TRANSGRESSION OR TWO TRANSGRESSIONS A YEAR, OR FIVE
24 TRANSGRESSIONS A YEAR, WHEN FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IT'S
25 BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVERSE THAT AREA, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY

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1 VEHICLE THAT WAS CALLED TO RESPOND TO THIS ACCIDENT A WEEK AGO
2 LAST SATURDAY, I THINK IT WAS A WEEK AGO FROM LAST SATURDAY,
3 BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THROUGH ELDEN WAY FOR ALL THE
4 CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES THAT WERE PARKED IN THE AREA. SO WE ALL
5 HAVE OUR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY THERE, IS ALL I'M SAYING. BUT
6 WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WHERE WAS I? I
7 ALSO WANT TO REASSURE THAT THERE ARE NO WEDDINGS. AND
8 FURTHERMORE, GARDEN EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO RELATE TO THE
9 HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THIS SITE. THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE
10 OF THIS, IS NOT TO MAKE IT AN EVENT SITE BUT TO GIVE PEOPLE
11 EXPOSURE TO THIS HISTORICAL SITE, NOT UNLIKE THE HUNTINGTON
12 LIBRARY, ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T COMPARE IN SIZE OR NUMBER OF
13 VISITORS. BUT TO THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT THAT I'M TALKING
14 ABOUT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT
15 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO, ONE,
16 INSTITUTE A 12 MONTH PILOT PROGRAM IN WHICH THE GARDEN LIMITS
17 ITS SATURDAY HOURS TO TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH. RETURN TO THE
18 BOARD 30 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM WITH
19 THE EVALUATION OF THE SATURDAY USE BASED ON ATTENDANCE, NUMBER
20 OF COMPLAINTS AND IMPACTS IF ANY TO NEIGHBORS, AND THREE MAKE
21 A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AS TO CONTINUING SATURDAY HOURS
22 OF OPERATION. THAT'S MY MOTION.

23

24 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST INTERJECT FOR ONE
25 SECOND? I WOULD RECOMMEND ALSO TO ADD TO YOUR MOTION ITEM 1 IN

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1 THE BOARD LETTER WHICH TALKS ABOUT THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT AND THE E.I.R.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I WILL SO MOVE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO THE ITEM AS AMENDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO
9 ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 25. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

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15 **DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD, MY NAME IS DARYL OSBY,
16 FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. TO MY RIGHT I
17 HAVE OUR FISCAL CHIEF WITH ME, THERESA BERRERA, AND TO MY
18 LEFT, OUR ADMIN BUREAU CHIEF DONNA LAWRENCE. WE HAVE ITEM 25
19 BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK YOUR HONORABLE BOARD TO
20 EXERCISE YOUR PREROGATIVE TO RAISE THE CAP ON A SPECIAL TAX TO
21 THE MAXIMUM LIMIT. AND IT'S ARTICULATED ON OUR BRIEFINGS TO
22 YOU. THIS SPECIAL TAX WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF 1997, WAS
23 A PROVISION THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR
24 PROPERTY TAX. AND AS YOU RECOGNIZE FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT THAT
25 THE PROPERTY TAX IS OUR NO. 1 REVENUE STREAM. AND THE SPECIAL

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1 TAX WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 1997 THAT IN THOSE YEARS
2 WHEN OUR PROPERTY TAX DOES NOT KEEP PACE WITH OUR REVENUES,
3 THAT WE CAN COME TO THE BOARD AND ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THAT
4 SPECIAL TAX. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. WE'RE IN A SITUATION
5 WHERE OUR PROPERTY TAX HAS IMPROVED, AS YOU CAN RECOGNIZE FROM
6 OUR BRIEFING THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR '14/'15, OUR PROPERTY TAXES
7 INCREASED TO \$28.7 MILLION. BUT EVEN WITH THAT BEING STATED,
8 OUR EXPENDITURES ARE STILL OUTPACING OUR REVENUES. THE FACT OF
9 THE MATTER IS THAT THIS AFTERNOON, THIS SPECIAL TAX MEANS AN
10 ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION FOR THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS ABOUT \$2.50
11 FOR EACH RESIDENT IN THE DISTRICT. THAT \$3 MILLION DOES NOT
12 FIX OUR CHALLENGE BUT THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
13 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND OTHER CONSULTANTS THAT
14 WE BROUGHT INTO THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY
15 IN A WAY TO DEVELOP A FISCAL APPROACH TO ADDRESSING OUR
16 REVENUE STREAMS, ADDRESSING OUR EXPENDITURES AND OUR
17 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS. SO ALTHOUGH THE \$3 MILLION DOESN'T
18 COMPLETELY PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THAT APPROACH IN RELATIONSHIP
19 TO THE FULL REVENUE STREAMS THAT WE NEED, AS PART OF OUR
20 APPROACH TO MAXIMIZE OUR REVENUE STREAMS. SO WITH THAT BEING
21 STATED, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE HONORABLE BOARD FOR ANY
22 QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? MR. ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHIEF, RELATIVE TO THE INCREASING COSTS OF
2 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND OUR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND
3 THE NEED FOR A STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO FUND THE NEEDS OF
4 YOUR DEPARTMENT, WE KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN EVALUATING POTENTIAL
5 REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES. COULD YOU BRIEF US ON THOSE EFFORTS? IN
6 PARTICULAR AN UPDATE ON A.B.2577 WHICH RELATES TO THE GROUND
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT FIRST RESPONDER BILLING PROGRAM.

8

9 **DARYL OSBY:** YES, SIR. OUR LAST MEMO TO THE BOARD WAS DATED MAY
10 23RD OF THIS YEAR. AND WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT SEVERAL REVENUE
11 STREAMS IN RELATIONSHIP TO ESTABLISHING ONGOING REVENUE FOR
12 THE DISTRICT IN RELATIONSHIP TO USER FEES. WE'VE EXPLORED
13 VEHICLE ACCIDENT FEES, PREVENTION FEES, AND PARAMEDIC FEES.
14 THE FACT IS, IS THAT IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
15 FEES, WE'VE TABLED THAT. OUR FIRE PREVENTION FEES, WE ARE
16 GOING TO BE COMING TO YOUR HONORABLE BOARD IN CALENDAR YEAR
17 2016 SO IT WILL BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO
18 RECOMMEND AN INCREASE IN DEPARTMENT FEES THAT WE COME TO YOU
19 AT THAT TIME. SPECIFICALLY TO YOUR QUESTION IN RELATIONSHIP TO
20 G.E.M.T. AND OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SERVICE DELIVERY
21 FOR THE DISTRICT IS THAT THERE IS A BILL RIGHT NOW AT THE
22 STATE LEVEL, A.B.2577, I BELIEVE THE BILL IS, 2577. AND IT'S
23 GEARED TOWARD RIGHT NOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE THAT
24 TRANSPORT VICTIMS TO THE HOSPITAL. THERE'S BEEN A GOOD LABOR
25 MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT DEALING

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1 WITH C.M.S. AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO SEEK ALL REVENUE SOURCES
2 FOR FIRE SERVICE-BASED E.M.S. AND IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER, WE'VE
3 WORKED A DEAL OUT THAT FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO TRANSPORT
4 PATIENTS WHO ALREADY HAVE A MECHANISM TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR
5 THAT TRANSPORT, THERE WAS NO STATE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWED
6 DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY HAVE FIRST RESPONSE FEES THAT WE'RE GOING
7 TO PRESENT TO YOU NEXT YEAR TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. SO
8 A.B.2577 PROVIDES CLEAR LEGISLATION AND A CHANGE IN THE LAW
9 FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS WHO RIGHT NOW TO TRANSPORT TO RECEIVE
10 THAT REVENUE. BEHIND THAT, AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE SERVICE,
11 WE'VE HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO'S DEVELOPING LEGISLATION FOR THE
12 NEXT LEGISLATIVE PERIOD THAT WILL THEN MODIFY THAT LAW TO
13 ALLOW DEPARTMENTS LIKE OURS, YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT
14 DOESN'T TRANSPORT, IF WE GET A FEE APPROVED BY THE BOARD, A
15 FIRST RESPONSE FEE, THAT WE WOULD CHARGE TO INSURANCE
16 COMPANIES, THAT IF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD APPROVES THAT AND THE
17 LEGISLATION PASSES NEXT YEAR, WHICH WE'RE EXTREMELY CONFIDENT
18 THAT IT WILL, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT
19 THROUGH MEDICARE OR MEDI-CAL IN RELATIONSHIP TO FIRST
20 RESPONSE, IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR PARAMEDIC CALLS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH REVENUE DO YOU RECEIVE ANNUALLY FROM
23 MEASURE B?

24

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1 **DARYL OSBY:** RIGHT NOW FROM MEASURE B, WHICH IS OUR TRAUMA TAX,
2 IN FISCAL YEAR '14/'15 WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE \$1.56 MILLION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH DOES THE COST TO MAINTAIN THE
5 HELICOPTER AT BRACKETT FIELD WHICH SERVES THE SAN GABRIEL
6 VALLEY COST?

7

8 **DARYL OSBY:** OUR OVERALL COST IN RELATIONSHIP TO BRACKETT FIELD
9 TAKING THE COST OF THE HELICOPTER, MAINTENANCE, THE LEASE, AND
10 SALARIES ASSOCIATED WITH IT, WE'VE STAFFED THAT EVERY DAY WITH
11 TWO PARAMEDICS AND ONE PILOT, IS \$2.5 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE THEY DEDICATED TO
14 TRAUMA TRANSPORT?

15

16 **DARYL OSBY:** PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EAST COUNTY AIR
17 SQUAD, WE'VE ONLY STAFFED THAT HELICOPTER WHEN THERE WAS A
18 NEED BASED ON FIRE WEATHER, IN RELATIONSHIP TO WILD AND FIRE.
19 SO FROM OUR ESTIMATION, THEY'RE OUT THERE AT LEAST 90 PERCENT
20 OF THE TIME IN RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSPORTATIONS ONLY FOR TRAUMA
21 CENTER PATIENTS. LAST YEAR WE HAD OVER 400 TRANSPORTS. THE
22 FACT OF THE MATTER IS BECAUSE WE HAVE THAT COPTER OUT THERE IN
23 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR MEASURE B AND FOR THE TRAUMA CENTER,
24 THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL
25 VALLEY, WE NOW STAFF THAT COPTER EVERY DAY 24/7.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THERE ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF REVENUE
3 THAT YOU COULD ACCESS TO ASSIST YOU FOR THIS TRAUMA SERVICE?

4

5 **DARYL OSBY:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE DID MEET WITH
6 THE THIRD DISTRICT THIS YEAR AND WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF
7 HEALTH SERVICES WHERE WE GOT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT \$200,000 IN
8 RELATIONSHIP TO OUR SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR THE
9 EAST COUNTY TRAUMA CENTER AIR SQUAD. BUT THE FACT OF THE
10 MATTER IS THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR LEASE, LOOK AT THE COSTS
11 TO MAINTAIN THE HELICOPTER AND OUR SALARIES ASSOCIATED WITH
12 THAT, THAT THE DISTRICT IS STILL EASILY USING ANOTHER \$2
13 MILLION. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE ONLY GET ABOUT HALF
14 OF WHAT WE ALLOCATE IN RELATIONSHIP TO STAFFING THAT COPTER IN
15 EAST COUNTY FULL-TIME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD JUST SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST, FOURTH
18 AND FIFTH SERVICE THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SO THAT WE WOULD BE
19 INTERESTED IN HOW WE CAN ADDITIONALLY ASSIST YOU IN GETTING
20 ADDITIONAL REVENUE. AND ARE YOU WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 HEALTH SERVICE TO JOINTLY ASSESS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL
22 EMERGENCY NEEDS AND SERVICES, POTENTIAL INCREASED FUNDING
23 THROUGH MEASURE B?

24

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1 **DARYL OSBY:** WE DID WORK WITH THEM THIS LAST FISCAL YEAR. WE
2 HAD SOME SUCCESS. BUT WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD TO
3 TRY TO MAXIMIZE THE EXPENDITURES THAT WE HAVE IN RELATIONSHIP
4 TO COPTER, AS I ARTICULATED. WE HAVE ABOUT A \$2 MILLION
5 SHORTFALL IN THAT REGARD, AND ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
6 THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE OVERHEAD. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAINING
7 ASSOCIATED WITH A COPTER IN THE EAST END. AND THEN
8 FURTHERMORE, THE DEPARTMENT IS UPDATING OUR PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.
9 WE HAVE ANOTHER CONSULTANT THAT WE HIRED, WHICH THE BOARD
10 APPROVED, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT REPORT BACK TO THE
11 BOARD BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE
12 IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE DEVICES IN THE FIELD
13 WHICH ARE ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS THAT WILL ENABLE OUR PARAMEDICS
14 AND FIREFIGHTERS TO TRACK DATA ELECTRONICALLY BECAUSE IF WE DO
15 GET APPROVAL IN RELATIONSHIP TO A.B.2577 THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH
16 CARE ACT ARTICULATES THAT HEALTH CARE NEEDS TO BE DONE
17 ELECTRONICALLY. SO WE HAVE NOT YET ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR THAT,
18 EITHER. SO IN ADDITION TO OUR \$2 MILLION FOR THE HELICOPTER,
19 WE CAN COME BACK IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRAUMA CENTER TAX FOR
20 MEASURE B TO PARTIALLY HAVE OFFSET FOR THE E.P.C.R.S AND OTHER
21 TRAINING OVERHEAD WE GET.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU THINK MEASURE B COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH
24 ADDITIONAL REVENUE WE COULD WORK WITH YOU ON THAT.

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1 **DARYL OSBY:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE? DAVE GILLOTTE? THANK YOU.
4 IF WE HAVE ANY IF YOU IF YOU FUR QUESTIONS, WE'LL CALL YOU
5 BACK.

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7 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DAVE GILLOTTE., L.A. COUNTY
8 FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 1014 PRESIDENT. I'LL BE BRIEF. MAY I
9 SPEAK?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

12

13 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** OKAY. I COME HERE TO JUST GIVE YOU CONTEXT REAL
14 QUICK. YOU KNOW, I DON'T JOIN HAND-IN-HAND OFTEN WITH THE FIRE
15 CHIEF ON MANY ISSUES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE ONLY PERSON HE
16 SHOULD FEAR MORE THAN YOU ON BUDGETARY ITEMS IS ME. WE HAVE
17 CONVERSATIONS WEEKLY. HE'LL ATTEST TO IT. THEY'RE NOT
18 PLEASANT. THEY'RE WARM BUT THEY'RE NEEDED TO MAKE SURE WE VET
19 OUT THE MERITS OF ANYTHING INCLUDING PROPOSITION E. WE ALL
20 HARD FOUGHT AND PUT INTO PLACE AND THE SPECIAL TAX THAT GOES
21 ALONG WITH IT. I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE MANY TIMES TO DISCUSS
22 RAISING THIS TAX, TO DISCUSS LOWERING THIS TAX OR LEAVING IT
23 WHERE IT IS. NEVER WITHOUT MERIT BEHIND THE ARGUMENT. IN THIS
24 CASE, I CAN ATTEST, I'VE GRILLED HIM ON THIS. I SEEK NOT ONLY
25 THREE VOTES, I SEEK FOUR. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, SUPERVISOR

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1 MOLINA, I BEG OF YOU, I SEEK FIVE ON THIS. I KNOW. AND IN
2 CONTEXT ON THAT, THIS BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER IS A
3 PLACE THAT IS FAR BETTER THAN WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD THE
4 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES NOT COME UP. AND I'M ENGAGED IN D.C. FOR
5 EVERYTHING FROM G.E.M.T. AND C.M.S. SERVICES, MEDICARE
6 REIMBURSEMENT, FEDERAL GRANT MONEY AND REVENUE STREAMS FROM
7 THE STATE, INCLUDING C.R.A. TO BRING HOME HERE AND BUSINESS
8 PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS. AND HAVING SAID
9 THAT, WE'RE AT A PLACE THAT WITH THIS MONEY, A YES VOTE ON
10 THIS IS FOR PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT THAT GO DIRECTLY TO THE
11 CITIZENS WE SERVE. I'LL ATTEST TO THAT BECAUSE I WORK AT
12 COMPTON AND 81ST AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ONE OF THE FIRST
13 ITEMS WE'LL DO IS PUT INFRARED CAMERAS ON THOSE ENGINES. HE
14 KNOWS I'M COMING TO GET HIM ON IT, AND THIS WILL BE SOMETHING
15 THAT ALLOWS ME TO SEE IN THE DARK. TEN TIMES IN THE LAST TWO
16 MONTHS, I'VE TESTED IT, TO GO PULL CITIZENS OUT OF BUILDINGS.
17 THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE VOTING HERE, AND RESPONSIBLY WE'LL RE-
18 EXAMINE THIS AND SET IT AGAIN WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO WITHIN THE
19 CONFINES OF FUTURE BUDGETS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO THE ITEM'S
22 BEFORE US? IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTING
23 NO, THE ITEM PASSES 4-1. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT TAKES US TO
24 PUBLIC COMMENTS. BEFORE WE DO THAT, WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS.
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
3 A VERY GOOD FRIEND, ONE I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AND EVEN
4 WORK WITH OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THAT'S GEORGE NICHOLAW,
5 WHO PASSED AWAY WHO WAS A FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF K.N.X.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND 1070 NEWS RADIO FOR OVER 36 YEARS. HE
10 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
11 CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING
12 THE KOREAN WAR. AND BEGAN HIS WORK AT K.N.X. IN 1967. HE WAS
13 ONE OF THOSE INNOVATORS IN COMMUNICATION. AND HE WAS THE ONE
14 WHO WOULD GIVE THE WEEKLY COMMENTARIES ON ISSUES AND WOULD
15 INVITE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO ALSO GIVE COMMENTARIES.
16 AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A NUMBER OF THEM ON K.N.X.
17 HE WAS JUST A REAL CLASS ACT. THIS BOARD HONORED HIM WHEN HE
18 HAD RETIRED FROM K.N.X. A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. BUT HE HAD
19 AWARDS INCLUDING THE PEABODY AWARD, THE ALFRED E. DUPONT AWARD
20 AND MORE THAN 170 GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY
21 HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, BETTY. ART EKIZIAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
22 LANCASTER, HE WAS PART OF THE INCORPORATION. PASSED AWAY AT
23 THE AGE OF 79, VETERAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE TAUGHT AT
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
25 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE LANCASTER PERFORMING

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1 ARTS CENTER, AND VOLUNTEER WITH DESERT HAVEN ENTERPRISES. A
2 REAL FINE LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY AND A GOOD FRIEND AND HE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ALSO MOVE WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
4 OF ROBIN WILLIAMS WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY. ONE OF THE
5 ACCLAIMED ACTORS, COMEDIANS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD, AND
6 RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS. LEWIS "TED" FOSTER, LONGTIME
7 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98.
8 ENGINEER WITH LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IRVAN
9 MENDENHALL, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. CIVIL ENGINEER,
10 GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. HE SERVED
11 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. WAS COFOUNDER
12 OF THE CONSULTING FIRM DANIEL, MANN, JOHNSON AND MENDENHALL.
13 DMJM, WHICH LATER BECAME AECOM TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION. WITH
14 HIS HELP, DMJM WAS ABLE TO SECURE CONTRACTS FOR THE UNITED
15 STATES NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY. HE BECAME
16 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES SECTION. AND SERVED ON SEVERAL
17 COMMITTEES. HE RECEIVED THE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD BY BOTH
18 THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND THE LOS
19 ANGELES COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HIS FOUR CHILDREN. THAT WAS IRVAN MENDENHALL. HE WAS-- I'M
21 SURE YOU'VE ALL MET HIM DURING TIMES-- ALL MEMBERS. [G.] DAVID
22 HUNTOON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE SERVED AS
23 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
24 CORPORATION, THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
25 AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR OF THE SAN GABRIEL ECONOMIC

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1 PARTNERSHIP. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. GRADUATE OF
2 CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE. HE WAS DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF
3 THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ROSE
4 INSTITUTE. HE EARNED HIS M.B.A. FROM THE MARSHALL SCHOOL OF
5 BUSINESS AT U.S.C., AND COFOUNDED A MARKETING RESEARCH FIRM IN
6 CHINA. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT STRATEGIES
7 INCORPORATED AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS GLENN, GREG, SCHON AND HIS DAUGHTER
9 EMILY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. JOHN ALLEN, PASSED AWAY
10 ON AUGUST 3RD, AT AGE 84. HE WAS THE LARGEST CADILLAC DEALER
11 FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ACTIVE IN SAN
12 MARINO AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. ANDY BEATTIE, FORMER
13 PRESIDENT, BOTH THE LA CANADA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LA
14 CANADA HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN BOOSTERS. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
15 61. HE WAS A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF LA
16 CANADA FOR SIX YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KIM AND
17 THEIR THREE CHILDREN. KEN PARKS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
18 CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 60. HE WORKED IN THE
19 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOR M.T.V., WARNER BROTHERS, CO-
20 PRESIDENT, C.E.O. OF GOOD B ENTERTAINMENT AND HE'S SURVIVED BY
21 HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN AND BROTHER. ROBERT "CRAIG"
22 SILSBEE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY
23 AT THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS AN EDUCATOR, TEACHING HISTORY AT
24 WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL. ALBERT MONTAGUE, RETIRED
25 SERGEANT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED

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1 AWAY ON JULY 5TH. CALVIN GRAY, SECURITY OFFICER OF THE LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE
3 COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU. CHARLES GUENTHER PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST
4 2ND. HE WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT. AND HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE HOMICIDE DIVISION.
6 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO-- FOR A REPORT BACK. "THE RECENT REPORTS
7 REVEALING POSSIBLE MISCLASSIFICATION AND UNDERREPORTING OF
8 VIOLENT CRIMES BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE
9 TROUBLING. ACCURATE CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES IS NOT ONLY
10 IMPORTANT FOR CRIME REPORTING PURPOSES, BUT FOR MAKING
11 INFORMED POLICY DECISIONS AND EARNING THE PUBLIC TRUST. THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROVIDES GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
13 TO ALL OF THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS
14 OVER 40 CONTRACT CITIES. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE COMMUNITIES
15 AND THE VICTIMS HAVE THE CONFIDENCE IN THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT CRIME REPORTING DATA. I MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE
17 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE A SAMPLE OF THE
18 SHERIFF'S CLOSED CASES, REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON ACCURACY
19 OF THEIR CLASSIFICATION IN 30 DAYS." A REPORT BACK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S A REPORT BACK. SO WE CAN DO
22 THAT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

24

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
2 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LUIS VALENZUELA, JR. HE'S THE
3 BELOVED SON OF MY DEAR FRIENDS LISA AND CHRIS VALENZUELA. WE
4 WANT TO SEND OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS TO THE
5 VALENZUELA FAMILY DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? SO ORDERED.
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN
11 IN MEMORY OF GILBERT L. BANKS. MR. BANKS WAS BORN NOVEMBER THE
12 22ND IN 1932. HE PASSED ON AUGUST THE 2ND AT THE AGE OF 81. HE
13 RETIRED IN 1991 FROM L.A. COUNTY AFTER WORKING AS A PAINTER
14 WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SOME 28 YEARS. HE
15 ENJOYED FISHING, BOWLING AND WALKING, AND WAS AN AVID FAN OF
16 THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. HE WAS ALSO MEMBER OF THE AROUND THE
17 BLOCK CLUB IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
18 HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND HEARTY LAUGH AND FOR BEING A GOOD
19 HUSBAND. FATHER AND CARING CITIZEN IN OUR COUNTY. HE IS
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MILDRED, THREE CHILDREN, FIVE
21 GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
22 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM. AND THEN,
23 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN ME IN
24 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. CALVIN H. BOWERS BORN APRIL 8,
25 1932 AND HE PASSED ON THE EIGHTH OF AUGUST AT THE AGE OF 82. A

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1 NATIVE OF SELMER, TENNESSEE, DR. BOWERS GRADUATED FROM
2 MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S
3 OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY. HE THEN MOVED TO
4 LOS ANGELES GRADUATED WITH TWO MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREES FROM
5 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, ONE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE
6 OTHER IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION. IN 1981 HE EARNED A DOCTORATE
7 OF EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION FROM THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WHILE AT PEPPERDINE, DR.
9 BOWERS SERVED IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES INCLUDING DEAN OF ETHNIC
10 AND URBAN STUDIES, DIRECTOR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, PROFESSOR OF
11 COMMUNICATION AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
12 RETIRED AS PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN 2004. HE DID CLASSES FOR
13 RESIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIGUEROA CHURCH OF CHRIST
14 CONGREGATION. HE WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD FOR THE LOS
15 ANGELES BIBLE COLLEGE AND FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THE
16 NORMANDIE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
17 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR SOME 46 YEARS. DR. BOWERS
18 ACKNOWLEDGED THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS OF
19 CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF LOS ANGELES, AUTHORED "REALIZING THE
20 CALIFORNIA DREAM" IN 1988 ALONG WITH SEVERAL LITERARY PIECES.
21 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A WIDELY ACCOMPLISHED MINISTER,
22 AUTHOR, HUSBAND, COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR, COLLEGE PROFESSOR,
23 TELEVISION SPEAKER AND FOR HIS DEDICATION AND RESEARCH OF
24 HISTORY, PARTICULARLY THAT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS. DR. BOWERS IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA, FIVE CHILDREN, 16 GRANDCHILDREN

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1 AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM QUITE
2 DEARLY. MR. CHAIRMAN?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST I WANT
7 TO ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS ON THE GEORGE NICHOLAW I KNEW HIM
8 QUITE WELL. I THINK WE ALL DID, AND HIS ENDORSEMENT OF ME AND
9 MY PRIMARY ELECTION IN 1975 PROBABLY-- NOT PROBABLY, IT DID
10 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY GETTING INTO THE RUNOFF THAT YEAR. AND
11 THE REST IS HISTORY. AND I ALWAYS ADMIRED HIM AND APPRECIATED.
12 HE TOOK A CHANCE ON A 26-YEAR-OLD KID WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE
13 POLITICAL EXPERIENCE. THAT WAS THE KIND OF PERSON HE WAS. HE
14 WAS VERY INDEPENDENT MINDED. HIS EDITORIALS CARRIED A LOT OF
15 WEIGHT IN THE CITY AND IN HIS REGION. AND HE ALWAYS GAVE, AS
16 MIKE SAID, HE ALWAYS GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO REBUT HIM IF YOU
17 WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE. SOMETHING THAT WE'VE LOST IN THIS
18 SOCIETY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE HAS GONE UP
19 IN SMOKE AND EDITORIALS HAVE GONE UP IN SMOKE. AND CERTAINLY
20 REBUTTALS TO THEM ARE NONEXISTENT. SO HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND
21 HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT, FORMIDABLE IMPACT ON THE NEWS
22 INDUSTRY, THE RADIO NEWS INDUSTRY, PROBABLY THE LAST PART OF
23 THE LAST CENTURY. HE WAS AN AMAZING MAN. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
24 IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL "CORKY" GORDON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
25 DISTRICT IN WESTWOOD. WAS AN EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN FOR MANY

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1 YEARS. DIED AT THE AGE OF 69. BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES,
2 HE ENTERED COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF 16, EARNED HIS B.A. FROM
3 STANFORD WITH A DEGREE IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY. HE EVENTUALLY
4 GRADUATED FROM THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN 1971,
5 COMPLETING HIS INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY AT THE COUNTY U.S.C.
6 MEDICAL CENTER AFTER THAT. HE EVENTUALLY FORMED A MEDICAL
7 PARTNERSHIP THAT OPERATED EMERGENCY ROOMS AT MIDWAY, VALLEY
8 PRESBYTERIAN AND SIMI VALLEY ADVENTIST HOSPITALS. OUTSIDE OF
9 HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE, HIS GREAT PASSIONS WERE HIS FAMILY,
10 OUTDOOR CAMPING, PROGRESSIVE POLITICS AND HIS LOVE FOR FOLK
11 AND BLUES MUSIC. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE
12 FORTUNATE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY,
13 HIS SON BEN, DAUGHTER EMILY, TWO SISTERS, JESSICA SCHRIVER AND
14 ERICA GORDON, AND BY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS.
15 ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MENAHEM GOLAN, A
16 LONGTIME FILMMAKER AND STUDIO EXECUTIVE WHO RECENTLY PASSED
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. GOLAN BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE EARLY
18 1960S AS A PROTEGE OF THE KING OF B-MOVIES ROGER CORMAN, AND
19 QUICKLY BRANCHED OUT INTO WRITING, DIRECTING AND PRODUCING ON
20 HIS OWN. HE EVENTUALLY PRODUCED MORE THAN 200 FILMS, DIRECTING
21 AND WRITING NEARLY 40 OF THEM. HIS WORK RANGED FROM ACTION AND
22 EXPLOITATION FILMS LIKE THE "DEATH WISH" SEQUELS FOR THE
23 PROFITABLE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, THE LIMITED RELEASE ART FILMS
24 LIKE ADAPTATION OF DOSTOYEVSKY'S "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT" AND
25 JEAN-LUC GODARD'S "KING LEAR." BORN IN TIBERIAS, ISRAEL IN

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1 WHAT WAS THEN BRITISH PALESTINE, HE BECAME A PILOT AND
2 BOMBARDIER DURING THE 1948 WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, LATER STUDYING
3 DRAMA IN LONDON AND FILM AT N.Y.U. BEFORE IMMIGRATING TO LOS
4 ANGELES TO BREAK INTO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. I GOT TO KNOW HIM A
5 LITTLE BIT IN THE 1980S WHEN HE WAS AT HIS PEAK. AND HE WENT
6 BACK TO ISRAEL AND DIED IN TEL AVIV JUST THE OTHER DAY. HE IS
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY
8 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I KNOW MIKE ADJOURNED IN
11 MEMORY OF ROBIN WILLIAMS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. I'D
12 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT W. WHITE WHO
13 WAS OUR FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
14 IN THE EARLY 1980S. HE PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY WITH HIS FAMILY
15 AT HIS SIDE. FOUGHT A VALIANT BATTLE WITH CANCER FOR THE LAST
16 SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE PASSING AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE'S
17 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS KEN AND GARY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF HELEN FLORES WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH AT THE
19 YOUNG AGE OF 100. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN HER CHURCH. SHE WAS
20 A GIRL SCOUT LEADER FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ENJOYED HER TRIPS TO
21 YOSEMITE AND VISITED MEXICO REGULARLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
22 SON SAL, DAUGHTER MARY HELEN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, 12 GREAT
23 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD. SHE'LL BE TRULY
24 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF EDUARDO MANUEL GARCIA BETTER KNOWN AS "EDDIE."

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1 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 17TH AT A YOUNG AGE OF 60. HE OWNED A LAWN
2 CARE BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS. HE LOVED TO DANCE, ATTEND BULL
3 FIGHTS, PLAY SOCCER, AND PARTICULARLY WAS KNOWN FOR HIS
4 AMAZING COOKING. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
5 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, MICHELLE, DEBBY AND
6 EDDIE. SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, SIX SIBLINGS AS WELL AS MANY
7 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. AND
8 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. PUBLIC COMMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, LET ME STATE THAT I HAD CONTINUED
11 ITEM NO. 2 ON THE NEW GOVERNANCE TO WORK WITH BILL FUJIOKA
12 WHO'S INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICE ON THAT.
13 SO WITH CATHERINE AND LORI, WE'LL WORK WITH BILL THIS WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HOWARD HERNANDEZ, ROBERT
16 ROSEBROCK. IRENE PANG. CHRIS BANDA. FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS?

17

18 **HOWARD HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M A FORMER STATE COMMANDER
19 WITH THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

22

23 **HOWARD HERNANDEZ:** LOS ANGELES COMMANDER OF THE G.I. FORUM. I'M
24 HOWARD HERNANDEZ. AND CURRENTLY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY
25 CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY AND TRAINING

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1 FOR OUR VETERANS. AND I AM A VIETNAM COMBAT VETERAN. THE
2 SOLDIER ABOVE ALL OTHER MEN IS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE THE
3 GREATEST ACT OF RELIGIOUS TRAINING. IN BATTLE AND IN THE FACE
4 OF DANGER AND DEATH HE DISCLOSES THOSE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES HIS
5 MAKER GAVE WHEN HE CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. NO PHYSICAL
6 COURAGE, NO BRUTE INSTINCT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE DIVINE
7 HELP WHICH HE ALONE CAN SUSTAIN HIM. HOWEVER HORRIBLE THE
8 INCIDENTS OF WAR MAY BE, A SOLDIER WHO IS CALLED UPON TO OFFER
9 HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY IS THE NOBLEST DEVELOPMENT OF
10 MANKIND. THE SOLDIER ABOVE ALL OF THE PEOPLE PRAYS FOR PEACE
11 FOR HE MUST SUFFER AND HEAR THE DEEPEST WOUND AND SCARS OF
12 WAR. THAT IS THE SPEECH GIVEN ON DUTY AND HONOR BY DOUGLAS
13 MACARTHUR. LOS ANGELES IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED
14 STATES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VETERANS. WE ALSO HAVE THE
15 DUBIOUS DISTINCTIONS OF ALSO HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
16 DISABLED VETERANS. RECENTLY, MAYOR GARCETTI, IN COMPANY OF
17 FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA, SIGNED ON TO THE COMMITMENT OF THE
18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS MEMBERS TO END HOMELESS VETERANS
19 IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE END OF-- OR IN THE CITY OF LOS
20 ANGELES BY THE END OF 2015. I HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY. HOWEVER,
21 I AM OUT OF TIME. AND I WILL ALLOW MR. ROSEBROCK.

22

23 **ROBERT ROSEBROCK:** THANK YOU. ROBERT ROSEBROCK, DIRECTOR OF THE
24 OLD VETERANS GUARD, VIETNAM ERA VETERAN. I'M HERE AS A VOICE
25 FOR THE VOICELESS, AND THAT'S THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF

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1 DISABLED HOMELESS VETERANS ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES.
2 THERE SHOULD NEVER BE A HOMELESS VETERAN IN THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. OVER 125 YEARS AGO, NEARLY 600 ACRES OF LAND WAS
4 DEEDED TO BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED AS A NATIONAL HOME FOR
5 DISABLED SOLDIERS. TODAY WE'RE THE NATION'S CAPITAL FOR
6 HOMELESS VETERANS. IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR, JUDGE OTERO ISSUED
7 A FEDERAL JUDGMENT AGAINST THE V.A., AND A LAWSUIT WAS BROUGHT
8 BY THE A.C.L.U. AGAINST SECRETARY SHINSEIKI AND THE LOCAL
9 DIRECTOR DONNA BIDER. 9 ILLEGAL CONTRACTS ON THE VETERANS'
10 LAND INCLUDING A PUBLIC PARK, U.C.L.A. BASEBALL STADIUM,
11 BRENTWOOD PRIVATE SCHOOL, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. IN JANUARY
12 OF THIS YEAR, I APPEARED BEFORE THE VETERANS ADVISORY
13 COMMISSION ALL UNDER-- APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD. AND THEY
14 AGREED TO A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN ON MARCH 14TH OF THIS YEAR
15 REQUESTING THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT THAT JUDGMENT AND TO OPPOSE
16 THE APPEAL. FIVE MONTHS LATER ABSOLUTE SILENCE. I'M GOING THE
17 TELL YOU, THIS IS DISGRACEFUL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY.
18 YOU CAN'T SIT ON THIS ANY LONGER. WE HAVE TWO VETERANS ON THIS
19 BOARD. FOR GOD'S SAKES, STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF
20 THE DISABLED HOMELESS VETERANS WHO WANT US TO HELP THEM. WE'RE
21 THE VOICE OF THE VOICELESS. YOU HAD A 9-0 VOTE, AN INCREDIBLE
22 MAJORITY FROM THE COMMISSIONERS. AND YOU'RE NOT RESPONDING.
23 PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND VOTE ON THIS
24 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. LET US KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. THANK YOU.
25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE ALSO HAVE THAT ON THE AGENDA NEXT
4 WEEK?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ON THE AGENDA NEXT WEEK, TO TAKE A
7 POSITION ON AN APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURTS?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION WAS FROM THE VETERANS' COMMISSION,
10 PUT IT ON THE AGENDA SO WE COULD SEE WHAT THEY VOTED FOR. YOU
11 HAVE A COMMISSION VOTING UNANIMOUSLY ON A POSITION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT IT ON THE AGENDA, SO WE CAN SEE WHAT--

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL PUT IT ON THE AGENDA NEXT WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

22

23 **CHRIS BANDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS, HONORABLE BOARD

24 MEMBERS, MY NAME IS CHRIS BANDA, I AM AN I.S.D. EMPLOYEE. I

25 WAS A SUPERVISOR UP UNTIL LAST YEAR. I HAVE 34 YEARS WITH THE

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1 COUNTY. I CAME TO YOU TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY REGARDING SOME
2 DISCRIMINATION ISSUES WHICH I FEEL NEED TO BE INVOLVED WITH
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS A
4 SUPERVISOR AND I WAS ASKED TO HIRE A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION.
5 EVENTUALLY HE ENDED UP IN OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN
6 IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SON OF ONE OF THE ENGINEERS. ANOTHER
7 CANDIDATE I WAS ASKED TO HIRE, I COULDN'T SET UP AN INTERVIEW
8 FOR. HE COULDN'T SEEM TO GET HIM TO SHOW UP. SO I WAS TOLD TO
9 MAKE THAT A TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW. THAT CANDIDATE WAS ALSO
10 HIRED. BOTH OF THESE CANDIDATES WERE PART OF THE SAME RACE.
11 WE'RE GETTING A SECTION IN OUR UNIT, IN OUR DIVISION THAT IS
12 STARTING TO BECOME JUST ONE RACE. LAST YEAR, BECAUSE OF MY
13 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE RACIAL HIRINGS, I WAS ASKED TO RESIGN MY
14 POSITION AS SUPERVISOR. AND I WAS TOLD THAT THE ORDER CAME
15 FROM MY DIVISION MANAGER TRI LEE AND MARK COLTON. LATER ON MY
16 SECTION MANAGER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED INTO THE
17 OFFICE OF MARTHA CERVANTES, I.S.D. H.R. MANAGER AND TOLD THAT
18 IF HE DIDN'T GET ME OFF THE P.N.S.A. POSITION THAT HE WOULD BE
19 DISCIPLINED, QUOTE, "UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION." IN ONE
20 OF THE SECTIONS WHERE ONE OF THE STUDENT WORKERS WORKS, I
21 HAVEN'T SEEN A BLACK EMPLOYEE HIRED IN DECADES. AND SO I THINK
22 IT'S TIME TO COME TO THE BOARD. AND EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET MY
23 POSITION BACK, EVEN IF I CAN'T HAVE MY POSITION RESTORED WITH
24 BACK PAY OR ANY OF THAT STUFF, I HOPE THAT AT LEAST THIS
25 PROBLEM IS ADDRESSED AND REPAIRED BY THE BOARD, OKAY? SO IF

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1 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, MY PHONE NUMBER IS 323-218-1435. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S HAVE OUR C.E.O. INVESTIGATE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE. OKAY. THANK YOU. IRENE, IRENE,
7 WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. I KNOW YOU GET GOING AND WON'T STOP.
8 FRANCISCO JUAREZ. ROBERT LUCAS. RAJPAL KAHN AND LORI MARTIN
9 WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR? GO AHEAD. IRENE.

10

11 **IRENE PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S IRENE. COUNT ON THE
12 CREDIT OF MY FAMILY MEMBER AND ME. I NEED THE ASSIST OF THE
13 SAFETY TO MY HOME AND THEY NEED WORKING AND LIVING TO MY
14 FAMILY MEMBER BUT ON THE GOVERNMENTS I AM SURE THERE ARE
15 MILITARY CONTROL THE TOWNS THE FOUR OF THE LANDS ON ACCESSORY.
16 THE RIGHT POSITION TAKE THE POSITION ONLY FOR UNITED STATES
17 GOVERNMENT. I'M U.S. CITIZEN AND GOOD RESIDENT SHOULD PUNISHED
18 BY THE LAW. DO THE U.S. VICTIMS HAD _____ ON THEIR OWN LAND OF
19 THE U.S. I NEED MY CAR AND MY BELONGINGS. ALSO MY FAMILY
20 PROPERTIES AND THE POSITION AND SAFETY COVERAGE. THREE, IT IS
21 BETTER TO BUILD A BOTH LOCATED ON THE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION
22 TOWER SYSTEM TO PROTECT ALL THE INFORMATION OF U.S. AMERICANS
23 AND GOOD RESIDENTS DO THEIR BEST TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE
24 PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DONE HELPING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
25 THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3

4 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** SUPERVISORS THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. THIS IS
5 FOR GEORGE MARTINEZ AND STEVE PALMER. AND THANK YOU FOR
6 BRINGING THE MATTER OF--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU ARE?

9

10 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** MY NAME IS FRANCISCO JUAREZ, UNITED STATES
11 MARINE CORPS, 1968. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MATTER TO THE
12 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, REGARDING THE HOME. THAT WILL
13 HELP ME CUT TO CHASE. THERE ARE ISSUES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A
14 DELIBERATE FIVE-MONTH STALL IN THE PROTOCOL THAT SHOULD HAVE
15 BROUGHT EACH OF YOU THE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF
16 JUDGE OTERO'S RULING. BECAUSE THE APPEAL PROCESS HAS STARTED,
17 VETERAN ADVOCATES ACROSS THIS NATION BEYOND YOUR RESPECTIVE
18 VENUES ARE WAITING ON YOUR TRUE SUPPORT OF VETERANS AND THEY
19 EXPRESS TOTAL DISMAY IN THE DELAY AND INACTION, LABELING IT
20 DISGRACEFUL. I SUBMIT TO YOU THIS LETTER OF THOMAS CORDELL,
21 VETERAN ADVOCATE FOR THE CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK VETERAN HOME OR
22 GROUPS LIKE THE OLD VETERAN GUARD, VETERANS SERVING VETERANS
23 AND OPERATION FIRING FOR EFFECT ALSO CHALLENGE THE LAND GRAB.
24 REFERENCING THE ONCE GREAT DIVIDE, HE PUTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF
25 THE SITUATION INTO PERSPECTIVE. SINCE THE ILLEGAL COME INTO

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1 PLAY BY ALLOWING NON V.A. ENTITIES USAGE OF THE SACRED
2 PROPERTIES, THERE'S NOTHING RIGHT OR PROPER ABOUT IT. IT IS
3 DISGRACEFUL. THE GOVERNMENT OWNS THE COST OF WAR AFTER THE
4 YEARS, AFTER THE MONEY WAS SPENT FOR WEAPONS TO ENGAGE IN WAR.
5 THE GOVERNMENT OWES THE VETERAN WHO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO
6 DEFEND THIS COUNTRY THAT THROUGH SACRED TRUST, PROMISED THE
7 VERY BEST MEDICAL CARE THIS COUNTRY CAN PROVIDE. YOU ARE A
8 VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO MORE GREAT
9 DIVIDE. WE ARE FINALLY UNITED AS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS
10 BOARD PROTECTED TODAY GARDENS AS DEEDED BUT IT SEEMS TO BE
11 OVERLOOKING THE DEED OF THE HOME. AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO TAKE
12 A SERIOUS LOOK AT THAT.

13
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15
16 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** FINALLY FROM SOMEBODY WHO PROTECTED
17 VETERANS, NANOO-NANOO.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20
21 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ROBERT LUCAS. I WAS
22 HERE LAST WEEK AND I INTRODUCED MYSELF A LITTLE BIT TO YOU AND
23 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I SAY THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME UP AND SUGGEST
24 THINGS TO THIS BOARD, I'VE WITNESSED THE RESOURCES OF THIS
25 COUNTY AND IT IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE, SO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU LOOK

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1 FOR. THIS IS FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR THOMAS,
2 BECAUSE I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE ON THE LOGISTICS IN THE LOS
3 ANGELES AREA THAT I'M ADDRESSING YOU ABOUT. THE CENTRAL
4 L.A.P.D.. DIVISION DOWN THERE, CAPTAIN ORB AND LIEUTENANT
5 MUNOZ HAVE ENACTED SOME FOOT BEAT PATROL DOWN ON THE SKID ROW
6 AREA. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPRESSIVE IT IS. THEY ARE
7 TRULY TAKING STEPS TO BUILD COMMUNITY. AND DOWN THERE, IT
8 TAKES QUITE AN EFFORT. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY. I'VE DECIDED TO
9 BECOME A PART OF THE SOLUTION INSTEAD OF BEING BURIED UNDER IT
10 BECAUSE I HAVE A PATH FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I HAD AN ISSUE AT
11 PERSHING SQUARE WITH A LADY THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 REPRESENTING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH SOME OF THE EVENTS
13 THAT GO ON THERE. I ALSO WENT THROUGH HUSSAR AND WAS DIRECTED
14 TO HIS FIELD DEPUTY WHO AFTER 11-- OR 7 WEEKS OF TRYING TO GET
15 A PHONE CALL CONTACT FELL SHORT. WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT I
16 LEAVE IT ALONE AND WALK AWAY, I GLADLY DID THAT UNTIL I WAS
17 DOWNTOWN ENJOYING THE PARADE AND THE FESTIVITIES OF THIS LAST
18 WEEKEND AND AGAIN ENCOUNTERED A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOS ANGELES
19 THAT WAS ANYTHING BUT INVITING AND FRIENDLY. AND THIS WAS
20 AFTER COMMUNICATING WITH SOME OF HER EMPLOYEES. I NEED SOME
21 HELP IN ADDRESSING THIS. I WILL NEXT PETITION AND PICKET BUT I
22 NEED TO RESOLVE THIS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25

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1 **LORI MARTIN:** HELLO. LORI MARTIN FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY. C.E.O.
2 FUJIOKA, I'M SORRY TO HEAR YOU ARE LEAVING. YOU ARE PROBABLY
3 ONE OF THE BETTER THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE COUNTY,
4 BELIEVE IT OR NOT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THESE FIVE TIED YOUR
5 HANDS. MR. ANTONOVICH, I'M ALSO SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE. THE
6 OTHER TWO, THEY CAN GO. THEY'RE OUT OF HERE. QUITE HONESTLY,
7 GETTING RID OF COUNTY COUNSEL KRATTLI WAS PROBABLY THE BEST
8 MOVE THAT THIS COUNTY COULD HAVE MADE. HE IS BAD FOR BUSINESS,
9 BAD FOR BUSINESS BY ATTACKING PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHO JUST
10 DON'T HAVE THAT COVER BUT WE DO HAVE A BRAIN IN HERE. IT'S
11 QUITE UNFORTUNATE TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT THESE GENTLEMEN WITH THE
12 V.A. ARE TALKING ABOUT. I SEE IT EVERY TIME I COME INTO L.A.
13 COUNTY. THE SUSTENANCE OF HOMELESS JUST STARTING TO LINE UP
14 MORE AND MORE AND MORE. AND I'VE SEEN SMALL STREETS FULL OF
15 THEM TURN INTO VERY LONG BLOCKS FULL OF THEM. I APOLOGIZE FOR
16 ASSUMING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MR. YAROSLAVSKY. BUT HOW
17 CONSTITUTIONAL IS IT WHEN DEPENDENCY COURT, THAT IS ALL WE GO
18 BY. WE DON'T GO BY A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. WE ASSUME
19 ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE UNTIL WE PROVE OTHERWISE. I THOUGHT IT
20 WAS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. AND NOW MY SON HAS BEEN
21 LEFT, AS I'VE TOLD YOU NUMEROUS TIMES, WITH SOMEBODY CONVICTED
22 OF MANSLAUGHTER. THE OTHER PARTY NUMEROUS DRUG OFFENSES. AND
23 ACTUALLY WAS BAKER-ACTED ON 11/25/02 IN NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL.
24 THIS IS DISGUSTING THAT THESE ISSUES KEEP ARISING AND KEEP
25 ARISING AND THEY'RE NEVER REMEDIED. I DON'T DO THIS FOR

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1 POLITICAL ACTIVISM. I DO THIS FOR MY CHILD. I WAS NOT PLAYING
2 GAMES WITH THIS COUNTY WHEN I SAID I WILL HIT YOU WITH
3 EVERYTHING I'VE GOT AND I STILL GOT SOME MORE COMING. HAVE A
4 GREAT DAY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

7

8 **RAJPAL KAHLON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
9 COUNTY COUNSEL. MY NAME IS RAJPAL KAHLON. I'M FROM THE FIFTH
10 DISTRICT. THIS IS A FOLLOW FROM THE MAY 20TH, I WAS HERE ON
11 THE PUBLIC COMMENT. FROM THE BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS,
12 MR. ANTONOVICH, I GAVE YOU THE PAPER LAST TIME AND HERE'S THE
13 COPY AGAIN. CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE EVERYBODY ONE? AND ALSO FOR
14 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. MR. ANTONOVICH AND DR. FIELDING HAVE MADE
15 SOME DECISIONS TO CHANGE SOME POLICY WITHOUT INFORMING THE
16 ENTIRE BOARD AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL. TODAY MR.-- DR. FIELDING,
17 HE IS RETIRE, BUT I HAVE A LETTER FROM HIM. ABOUT SEVEN YEARS
18 AGO AS OF TODAY HE HAVE NOT DELIVERED HIS PROMISE. AND SAME
19 THING WITH MR. ANTONOVICH. HE JUST KEEP GIVING US A RUN AROUND
20 AND NOTHING'S GETTING DONE. LAST TIME WHEN I WAS HERE, YOU SAY
21 IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE FOR THE HAUL WATER. THERE'S NOT
22 EVEN A SINGLE CASE OF PROBLEM WE HAVE THERE. NOW YOU ARE
23 SAYING WE HAVE WATER SHORTAGE. OF COURSE THERE IS A WATER
24 SHORTAGE. WHEN WE DRILL A A WELL, YOU ARE GIVING US A 72-HOUR
25 WELL TEST SHOWING 7 GALLONS PER MINUTE. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE

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1 WATER PROBLEM. ALSO MR. YAROSLAVSKY, ON 2003, JULY 15TH YOU
2 MAKE A COMMENT YOU MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT HAUL WATER COMPARING
3 WITH MILK AND JUICE, IS OKAY TO HAUL BUT NOT WATER. YOU ARE
4 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. SO I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ALLOW MILK OR JUICE
5 TO HAUL, BUT NOT WATER. SO WE ARE STUCK FROM 10 YEARS. AND
6 NEED SOME KIND OF SATISFACTION AND SOMETHING NEED TO BE DONE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MELINDA WAITE?

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10 **RAJPAL KAHLON:** CAN I HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JESUS HILARIO, JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, DENISE
13 PAZ. YOU ARE THE NEXT FOUR. SIR, YOU CAN TALK TO MR.
14 ANTONOVICH'S STAFF OVER THERE. MELINDA WAITE. JESUS HILARIO,
15 JABRIEL MUHAMMAD AND DENISE PAZ. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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17 **MELINDA WAITE:** IN HIS BOOK, "A CULTURE OF FEAR," RETIRED
18 D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKER JULIAN DOMINGUEZ L.M.F.T. AND MELINDA
19 MURPHY M.A., DISCUSS V.T., VICARIOUS TRAUMATIZATION, AND ITS
20 IMPACT ON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE WORKERS END UP
21 PERSONALLY DAMAGED BY THE TERRIBLE WORK THEY ARE DOING. THEIR
22 CORE BELIEFS ABOUT THEMSELVES AND OTHER, AND THEIR OTHER WORLD
23 VIEWS BECOME DRAMATICALLY SKEWED. THEIR WORK LIVES AS HELPING
24 OTHERS-- THEIR WORK LIVES AS HELPING OTHERS WERE CAUSING
25 TREMENDOUS DISRUPTION, PAIN, CONFUSION FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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1 WHO FOUND THEMSELVES ASKING: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US AND TO
2 YOU? IN SHORT THEIR WORK IN HELPING A TRAUMATIZED POPULATION
3 WAS INVADING AND IN MANY, MANY CASES DESTROYING THEIR PERSONAL
4 LIVES. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE HYPER- VIGILANCE, INSOMNIA, ANXIETY,
5 AVOIDANCE BEHAVIORS, WITHDRAWAL, INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS AND/OR
6 IMAGES, RELIVING PERCEIVED OR EXPERIENCED TRAUMAS, RECURRENT
7 DISTRESSING DREAMS, ACTING OR FEELING AS IF THE TRAUMATIC
8 EVENTS WERE RECURRING, FEELING OF DETACHMENT, SENSE OF
9 FORESHORTENED FUTURE, DIFFICULTY WITH MEMORY OR CONCENTRATION.
10 DOMINGUEZ RESEARCHED THE QUESTION OF V.T. AND FOUND MANY OF
11 THE SOCIAL WORKERS AND HELPING PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT AWARE OF
12 THE V.T. IMPACT. OUR AGENCIES NEED TO TAKE COMPREHENSIVE AND
13 MEANINGFUL APPRAISAL OF THIS CLEAR AND UNQUESTIONABLY PROFOUND
14 EFFECT ON THE HELPING PROFESSIONALS. THERE IS AN ENTIRE
15 CHAPTER IN "THE CULTURE OF FEAR" DEVOTED TO THE STEPS AND WHAT
16 STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP ANY-- A PERSONALIZED SELF-CARE
17 STRATEGY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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21 **MELINDA WAITE:** THERE ARE THREE COPIES. AND WE HAVE COPIES.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE
24 GET THE COPIES. NEXT?

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1 **DENISE PAZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE PAZ. WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT
2 YOUR AGENCY D.C. F.S. HAS BEEN CITED FOR DISCIPLINE IN MANY
3 MORE THAN ONE CHILD'S DEATH CASE. IF THERE IS REALLY GOING TO
4 BE A MAJOR CHANGE IN D.C.F.S., YOU NEED TO STOP PERPETRATING
5 THE FRAUD AND STOP ALLOWING THIS DESPICABLE ABOMINATION OF
6 D.C.F.S. SO THIS INVOLVES FIRING AND PROSECUTING SOME PEOPLE,
7 NOT JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST. WE HOPE THAT THE B.R.C. CAN
8 REALLY RESTRUCTURE THIS BROKEN SYSTEM. WE GOT HOMELESSNESS, A
9 CHILD SHOWING UP WITH A BLACK EYE AT A D.C.F.S. OFFICE, MENTAL
10 ILLNESS, FOSTER CHILDREN BEING ADOPTED OUT IN A HOME THAT
11 HOUSES HIGH CONTROL PAROLEES AND EVEN EARLY DEATH. NOW A YOUNG
12 LITTLE GIRL FORCED TO EAT FOOD FROM THE TRASH CAN BY HER
13 FOSTER CUSTODIAN. WHAT DO WE CALL THIS? PLEASE, REVIEW THE
14 FACTS OF THIS INCIDENT THAT WAS TAKEN PLACE AT THE WRAP-AROUND
15 FACILITY IN MAR VISTA. WE ARE REQUESTING ONCE AGAIN TO PLEASE
16 AUDIT ALL CASEWORKERS' NOTES. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19

20 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS JABRIEL
21 MUHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. FIRST OF ALL I'D
22 LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M OBJECTING TO THE EARLY ADJOURNMENT. IT IS
23 OUT OF ORDER. AND IT SEEMS THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE PERSISTENT
24 IN BEING OUT OF ORDER. HOWEVER, WE CAN COLLABORATE SO
25 CONSISTENTLY IN BEING OUT OF ORDER AS COLLEAGUES, BUT WHEN WE

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1 HAVE SOMETHING AS SINCERE AND AS SERIOUS AS PUBLIC OVERSIGHT,
2 WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO FAIL TO COLLABORATE. I WITNESSED
3 SOMETHING, I WAS DISAPPOINTED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE ANTONOVICH,
4 I COULDN'T BELIEVE DON KNABE, I COULDN'T BELIEVE, YAROSLAVSKY,
5 LAST WEEK WHEN I SAW THEM VOTE AGAINST THE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT.
6 WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS THE FORMULA WAS FOR MR. HUNTSMAN TO
7 REPORT, TO BE ABLE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SUPERVISORS. BUT
8 IT'S MY OPINION THAT MR. HUNTSMAN SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO
9 THE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE UPON THE
10 RESPONSIBILITY OF COMING TOGETHER WITH AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO,
11 HOW CAN I SAY, OVERSIGHT THE ATTITUDES AND THE ACTIVITIES NOT
12 ONLY OF THE SUPERVISORS BUT OF MR. HUNTSMAN HIMSELF? SO I JUST
13 WANT TO VOICE MY DISCONTENT AND THE LEGACY THAT YOU CHOOSE TO
14 LEAVE FOR YOURSELF AS YOU'RE STEPPING OUT, YOU HAD OPPORTUNITY
15 TO LIKE REALLY CLENCH A FIST FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE DURING
16 YOUR TERM. AND ON YOUR WAY OUT, YOU SORT OF LIKE FADED OUT.
17 AND THAT'S NOT FOR THOSE THAT VOTED. I'M NOT SPEAKING TO MISS
18 MOLINA. I'M JUST SPEAKING IN TERMS OF HOW DISAPPOINTED I WAS
19 AND MR. ANTONOVICH. AND MR. KNABE. AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL
22 CALL JOHN WALSH, PATRICK O'ROURKE, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD
23 SACHS?

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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR SECURITY GUARD WON'T GO
2 AHEAD AND BACK OFF A LITTLE BIT. MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE.
3 AND LET ME START THE TONE OF THIS MEETING WITH THIS. FROM
4 GALILEO AND THEN CARL SAGAN. I DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO
5 BELIEVE THAT THE SAME GOD WHO HAS ENDOWED US WITH SENSE,
6 REASON AND INTELLECT HAS INTENDED US TO FORGO THEIR USE.
7 SECOND ONE, ONE OF THE SADDEST LESSONS OF HISTORY IS THIS: IF
8 WE HAVE BEEN BAMBOOZLED LONG ENOUGH, WE TEND TO REJECT ANY
9 EVIDENCE OF THE BAMBOOZLE. THE BAMBOOZLE HAS CAPTURED US. ONCE
10 YOU GIVE A CHARLATAN POWER OVER YOU, YOU ALMOST NEVER GET IT
11 BACK. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. ALL THE CORRUPTION IN
12 D.C.F.S. YOU GUYS HAVE EVIDENCE COMING OUT YOUR KEISTERS,
13 COMING OUT YOUR EARS, COMING OUT EVERY SINGLE DISGUSTING
14 ORIFICE THAT SITS UP THERE. I'VE NEVER SEEN A BOARD, A GROUP
15 OF PEOPLE SO BLATANTLY HOSTILE TO THE PUBLIC THAT COMES UP
16 HERE AND BRINGS EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION AND MALFEASANCE SO
17 HOSTILELY TREATED AS THIS BOARD DOES THE PEOPLE AND THE
18 PATRONS AND THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY. WE REPRESENT THOUSANDS
19 OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME UP HERE, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A CORE
20 GROUP THAT COMES UP HERE RESPONSIBLY DAY IN AND DAY OUT
21 DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISRESPECT US. ALL THE
22 EVIDENCE. ALL THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE THIS
23 BOARD HAS BEEN NEGLIGENTLY AND FRAUDULENTLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY
24 DENOUNCED, DENIED AND-- YOU JUST REJECT US. YOU'RE-- YOU'RE--
25 I CAN'T EVEN THINK OF THE WORDS, I CAN'T SPEAK THE WORDS

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1 BECAUSE THEY'RE SO HOSTILE. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: YOU
2 NEED TO GO AHEAD AND CHECK YOUR SIDE OF THE STREET. MY SIDE OF
3 THE STREET IS CLEAN. THESE PEOPLE'S SIDE OF THE STREET IS
4 CLEAN. CLEAN UP YOUR SIDE OF THE STREET AND STOP BEING SUCH--

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW.

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8 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** AND IF YOU WANT ME NOT TO BE HOSTILE THEN DO
9 THE RIGHT THING. STOP BEING BIASED. STOP TREATING US BADLY.

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
12 THERE'S OUR PAGE RIGHT THERE. OR YOU CAN GO STRAIGHT JWALSH
13 CONFIDENTIAL OR YOU CAN SEE OUR TWEETS @HOLLYWOODDEMS. TODAY
14 IS AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR MANY OF YOU OUT THERE. IT'S AN
15 ELECTION DAY. IF YOU'RE IN THE L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT, THE FIVE
16 TO ONE CHANCE THAT TODAY IS AN ELECTION DAY FOR YOU. CHECK IT
17 OUT. DID YOU GET ANY MAIL? DID YOU GET ANY VICIOUS, UGLY, SEX-
18 DRIPPING CRAP FROM THE OPPONENT OF THE NEXT SCHOOL BOARD
19 MEMBER, THE HONORABLE MR. MCKENNA? GO OUT AND VOTE FOR MR.
20 MCKENNA. AND WHEN YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL EFFECTIVELY, WHEN
21 MCKENNA WINS, AND HE WILL WIN AGAINST THIS GENTLEMAN FROM THE
22 BRONX THAT'S RUNNING AGAINST HIM. I LEFT THE BRONX IN 1966.
23 THIS GUY LEFT THE BRONX ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO TO WORK
24 FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S POSITION AS AN
25 AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADER FLIES OUT THE WINDOW TONIGHT WHEN HE

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1 HAS STAKED HIS ENTIRE POLITICAL REPUTATION ON THE OPPONENT OF
2 MR. MCKENNA. IT ISN'T GOING TO BE 52-48. I WOULDN'T BE
3 SURPRISED IF IT'S 60 PERCENT. AND THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WILL
4 VOTE FOR HIS MR. MCKENNA'S OPPOSITION WILL BE PEOPLE NOT OF
5 COLOR, BECAUSE HE IS THE WHITE CANDIDATE. VOTE TODAY. VOTE
6 NOW. AND THEN GO TO HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE
7 CELEBRATION. I'LL GIVE YOU BACK THE TWO SECONDS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DAVID SERRANO, IF YOU'LL JOIN
10 US?

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
13 DISTRICT 3. AND I THINK MR. WALSH WAS REFERRING TO THE
14 L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT 1 ELECTION BETWEEN ALEX JOHNSON AND MR.
15 MCKENNA, AND THAT WILL BE RESOLVED SOMETIME TODAY. I DON'T
16 THINK THERE'S BEEN A RESOLUTION YET. SO I DO THINK IT'S
17 IMPORTANT TO VOTE. I THINK THEY ARE EXPECTING 1 OUT OF 10
18 VOTERS TO SHOW UP, WHICH IT'S OF COURSE GREAT CONCERN. IN THE
19 COUNTY SUPERVISOR ELECTION THAT IS COMING FORWARD IN NOVEMBER,
20 IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT EACH OF THE CANDIDATES WILL
21 WRITE A CHECK FOR \$15,400 IN ORDER TO GET THEIR NAME AND
22 STATEMENT DESCRIBED INTO THE BALLOT. THAT'S UP FROM THE
23 \$18,000 THAT THEY PAID FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION. IT'S JUST AN
24 INTERESTING LITTLE FOOTNOTE. WE DO SPEND A FAIR AMOUNT ON THE
25 ELECTIONS AND WE'RE HOPING TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT GETS MORE

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1 TURNOUT GOING. I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY HERE SUPPORTS ROBUST
2 VOTER TURNOUT, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE CONSTANTLY DECRYING HOW
3 NOBODY COMES OUT. ITEM C.S.-3 IS LOOKING FOR A COUNTY COUNSEL
4 AND THESE ARE OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE TIMES. RICK WEISS, WHO IS
5 SITTING IN THE BIG CHAIR RIGHT NOW, HAS BEEN THE CHIEF DEPUTY
6 BEFORE, I BELIEVE. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE SHOULD BE FINDING
7 FRESH EYES, AS I SAID BEFORE HISTORICALLY. I THINK WE SHOULD
8 BE FINDING AN ATTORNEY WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS DIFFICULT BALANCE
9 BETWEEN REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' INTERESTS AND
10 OF COURSE THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNTY ITSELF.
11 AND THAT IS AN AREA WHERE I THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY YOU ASK
12 MR. WEISS FOR HIS OPINION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS
13 AUTHORITY TO DO FOUR OUT OF FIVE VOTES. AND THEN IT CAME BACK
14 THAT WELL, THE BOARD COULD ALWAYS UNDO THAT BY SIMPLY CHANGING
15 THE WHOLE POLICY INSIDE, WHICH THAT 4/5 VOTES LIVES. I THINK
16 THERE'S ANOTHER OPINION THERE. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OPINION
17 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO SORT OF
18 CORNER THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS EXTRACTED
19 SOMETHING FOR IT TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT AND THEY ALL DO, BUT THAT
20 WAS UPSETTING TO ME. FINALLY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 26-
21 - WELL NOT 26. THE ITEM THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE MUSSEL PROBLEM
22 IN LAKE CASTAIC. WE'RE REACHING OUT, WE'RE GETTING ABOUT 1.7
23 MILLION. NO TIME TO GO OVER BRIEFLY?
24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. THANKS. THANK YOU. TALK TO MR.

2 ANTONOVICH'S STAFF ABOUT MUSSELS. MR. SACHS?

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

5 AND YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE EDITORIAL, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS

6 ON GEORGE NICHOLAW FROM K.N.X. WERE PRETTY OF RIGHT ON,

7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SURPRISINGLY. WHEREAS THE VOICE FOR

8 NEWSPAPERS AND EDITORIALS HAS GONE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO GOOSE

9 STEP, ALLOWS THIS BOARD TO GOOSE STEP OVER PUBLIC POLICY,

10 PUBLIC INPUT? YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW YOU WERE THE CHAIRPERSON OF

11 THE BOARD, YOU PUT ON THE AGENDA A MOTION TO CHANGE PUBLIC

12 INPUT TO THREE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING. AND YOU HELD IT, NEVER

13 VOTED ON IT. AND YET WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAME

14 CHAIRPERSON, LO AND BEHOLD IT WAS NEVER PUT ON THE AGENDA. IT

15 WAS JUST CHANGED. GOOSE STEPPING RIGHT ALONG. AND PEOPLE WRITE

16 THAT IT DOESN'T AFFECT PUBLIC COMMENT, NOT REALIZING THAT

17 PUBLIC COMMENT IS JUST AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA. YOU HAVE AN

18 AVERAGE OF MAYBE 50, 55 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA, AND YOU GET

19 THREE MINUTES. THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY. 10 MILLION

20 PEOPLE, AND YOU GET THREE MINUTES. SO YOU'RE GOOSE STEPPING.

21 AND SO YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. WE NEED SOME EDITORIAL PEOPLE TO

22 STEP UP AND SAY WHAT'S WRONG. AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE GETS

23 SO UPSET WHEN WE USED METRO AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FISCAL

24 IRRESPONSIBILITY WHILE THE SAME FIVE MEMBERS SIT HERE AND CROW

25 ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL THEY ARE AS FAR AS BEING FISCALLY

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1 RESPONSIBLE. HOW CAN THAT BE? YOU KNOW NEXT MONTH MY BUS PASS
2 IS GOING UP \$40. HOW MUCH IS YOUR BUS PASS GOING UP, SIR? ARE
3 YOU PAYING? YOU AIN'T PAYING. WHERE'S THE FISCAL
4 RESPONSIBILITY? WHERE'S THE BILLION DOLLARS FROM MEASURE R
5 THAT YOU ALL PUSHED? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED IT. YOU SHOULD
6 HAVE JUST SHOVED IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH, YOU'RE SO KIND. ALL RIGHT. FOR OUR
9 BENEDICTION.

10

11 **DAVID SERRANO:** LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND
12 THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE, AMEN,
13 HALLELUJAH. THE LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, CREATED HEAVEN AND THE
14 UNIVERSE, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED
15 BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF
16 THE SANCTIFIED VIRGIN MARY. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST NEVER
17 SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD AND HE FORGAVE PEOPLE'S
18 SINS. THE LORD JESUS CURED LEPROSY. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
19 CURED CRIPPLED PEOPLE INSTANTLY. THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD REALLY
20 RAISED DEAD PEOPLE TO LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS
21 ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND THEN ON THE
22 THIRD DAY, JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB,
23 AMEN. THEN JESUS CHRIST APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES
24 OVER THE COURSE OF 40 DAYS AND JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO
25 HEAVEN. THE LORD JESUS IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF INFINITE GOD

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1 THE FATHER ALMIGHTY IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH. AMEN,
2 PRAISE THE LORD. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH
3 FAITH IN JESUS. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE
4 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING
5 WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. UNBELIEVERS
6 DIE AND RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR OWN SINS. UNBELIEVERS
7 DIE AND BURN IN FIERY SHEOL HADES. REPENT AND BELIEVE REALITY.
8 JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. AND THEN YOU SHALL RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE
9 WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD. HAVE A
10 NICE DAY AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AMEN.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN TO THAT.

13

14 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,
17 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
18 ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
19 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. ITEM NO. C.S.-3, PUBLIC
20 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF
21 COUNTY COUNSEL AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD
22 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
23 THANK YOU.

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